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British Airways Tells Virgin Atlantic: 'Sorry'

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribune LONDON — In the front row of Court 13 in London's High Court building, Richard Branson sat beaming on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Curman had outlined Virgin's case for libel against BA and libelized the upstart airline's founder as a man with "an international reputation in the field of human endeavor."

Ever keen to seize his opportunity, Mr. Branson said in his statement: "Although Virgin Atlantic is a small independent airline, our competitive threat obviously proved too much for certain people at British Airways."



Richard Branson savoring victory in his libel suit against British Airways.

Security Council Debates Iraq Raids

Butros Ghali Urges a 'Stiff' Response, But Only a Condemnation Is in Sight

The Associated Press UNITED NATIONS, New York — The Security Council on Monday debated a statement condemning Iraq's border incursions and seizure of weapons in Kuwait.

Iraqi military flights to protect rebel Shiite Muslims. Iraq also banned UN flights to and over Iraq, hampering a UN effort to dismantle Mr. Saddam's stocks and production of chemical, nuclear and biological weapons.

UN Leader Calls German Military Role a 'Must'

By Marc Fisher Washington Post Service BERLIN — Frustrated by Germany's long debate over its future military role, the secretary-general of the United Nations, Butros Butros Ghali, dropped diplomatic niceties on Monday and told officials here that the world needed "Germany's full participation" in UN military operations.



Helmut Kohl and Butros Butros Ghali reviewing a guard of honor on Monday before their talks at the chancellery in Bonn.

Representatives of the United States, Russia, France and Britain already had warned Iraq about the incursions and weapons seizures in a meeting with Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations on Sunday, diplomatic sources said.

Abdel Latif Kabbaj, a UN spokesman in Kuwait, said 120 unarmed Iraqis on Monday crossed the new border and went to a former Iraqi naval base, 400 yards inside Kuwait. They emptied or removed warehouses, water tanks and electrical wires, he said.

The issue remains politically divisive. Last month, when Mr. Kohl said that Germany would send 1,500 soldiers to Somalia to help out after U.S. forces had brought hostilities to an end, the opposition Social Democratic Party said it would ask Germany's highest court to block any such assistance.

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Bosnian Serbs Renounce Call for a Separate State

By Blaine Harden Washington Post Service GENEVA — Bosnian Serbs, under intense diplomatic pressure and facing threats of Western military intervention, moved toward concessions on Monday that could end the Bosnian war.

The Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, backed down from his long-standing demand that a sovereign Serbian state be carved out of Bosnia, saying that he would sign "an insurance agreement."

Beijing Is Rejecting 'Rational Dialogue,' Patten Says

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune HONG KONG — In the midst of a bruising battle with China that is undermining confidence in Hong Kong's vibrant economy, Chris Patten, the governor of the British colony, said Monday that he could not understand why Beijing took such strong exception to his "very modest" proposals for democratic reform.

Mr. Patten insisted that he was acting with "honor" to protect the interests of Hong Kong. But he said he was faced with "torrents of rhetoric from the north" that were eroding public support for the reform plan.

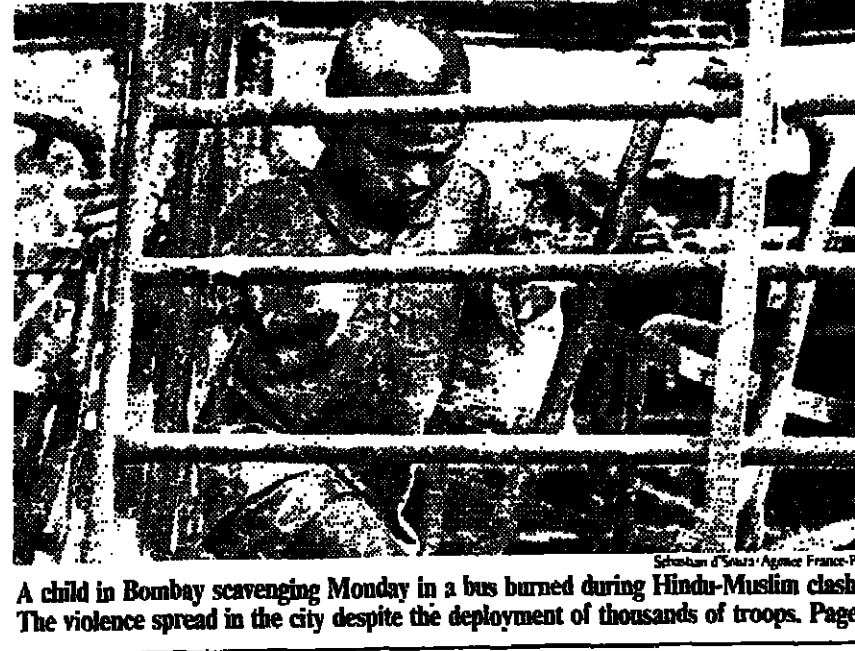
Mr. Patten said, however, that despite this opposition, he would present his plan on Tuesday in legislative form to Hong Kong's Executive Council, an advisory cabinet to the governor.

Mr. Patten said that while his plan might be changed, he would be surprised if the council "did not agree to proposals at its approval have sent the Hong Kong stock market into a tailspin in recent weeks, weakened property prices and led to growing opposition to the proposed reforms from many members of the colony's influential business community."

Japan's Changing Menus Rice, the Traditional Staple, Gives Way To Beef, Kentucky Fried and Big Macs

By T. R. Reid Washington Post Service TOKYO — In a statistical study that reflects the continued Westernization of this traditional Asian society, Japan's Agriculture Ministry says that meat and dairy products have replaced rice as the chief cash crop of Japanese farmers.

Some economists in Japan argue that the same phenomenon could occur if low-price foreign rice could be sold here. "This news may be ticklish for the Japanese argument against liberalizing rice," the financial newspaper Nikkei Shimbun noted Monday in reporting the latest farm figures.



A child in Bombay scavenging Monday in a bus burned during Hindu-Muslim clashes. The violence spread in the city despite the deployment of thousands of troops. Page 2.

Russia-Nordic Nations Pact on Arctic

OSLO (AP) — Russia and the Nordic countries agreed on Monday to form a joint council, hoping to revive the cooperation in their Arctic regions that was put on hold during the Cold War.

The declaration was signed by the foreign ministers of Russia, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland and Denmark. The Council of the Euro-Arctic Region, also called the Barents region, will promote trade and cooperation between their provinces near the Barents Sea, the ministers said after a one-day meeting in the northern Norway town of Kirkenes, near the Russian border.

L.A. Tourists Come Away With Visions of... Beirut?

By Kristina Sauerwein Los Angeles Times Service LOS ANGELES — Donald Kreipl felt cheated. For his 40th birthday, he flew here from Germany to celebrate with "the heavy metal rockers who hang out in Hollywood."

It is not as if they have not been warned. Sue Powell, a travel counselor in Northfield, Minnesota, said clients who want to visit the West Coast frequently failed to realize that Los Angeles was an expensive, crime-ridden city. "It's difficult to convince them that L.A. is different from small towns like Northfield or the ones in Europe," she said.

Market data including Dow Jones, Trib Index, The Dollar, Yen, and Pound exchange rates.

Clinton's First 100 Days and Business/Finance news items.

Rebels in Angola Regroup and Attack In 3 Eastern Cities

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LUANDA, Angola — UNITA rebels counterattacked from the highlands around three eastern Angolan cities on Monday after a military strike over the weekend killed hundreds and left rebel headquarters in government hands, news reports said.

UNITA regrouped in the hills after defeats in provincial capitals of Luena, Kuito and Huambo and attacked the cities at dawn Monday with heavy artillery, Angolan national radio reported.

UNITA radio claimed victory in Kuito, 325 kilometers (200 miles) southeast of Luanda, and said government troops had fled leaving hundreds dead in the streets. Jonas Savimbi, the leader of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, said on rebel radio that he continued to command UNITA from his headquarters in Huambo. "It is a lie that my house is in MPLA hands," Mr. Savimbi declared, referring to the ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola.

"I am talking to you from Huambo," he said. "Our soldiers and officers have behaved with bravery and resolve, as during the last attack. I am at my post and will remain here."

The battle for Huambo, Angola's second-most-important city, has been raging for three days, with little independent information reaching the outside and both sides issuing widely conflicting claims.

Diplomats in the capital, Luanda, said Monday that they believed the government had the upper hand and that most UNITA troops had retreated to the outskirts of the central highlands city.

An army communiqué on Saturday said that government troops had captured Mr. Savimbi's headquarters, a villa known as "the White House" near Huambo airport, and that his supporters were fleeing.

The government's chief of staff, General João de Matos, denied the UNITA reports and said government troops held the towns and continued to drive the rebels into the deserts of eastern Angola.

Parliament is to meet this week to consider a declaration of open war against UNITA, Prime Minister Marcelino Moco said on national radio, adding that a bid for peace talks had broken down when government and UNITA leaders could not agree on a site.

Fighting broke out on Oct. 31, after Mr. Savimbi rejected the results of multiparty elections in September that were intended to put an end to Angola's 16-year civil war.

The rebels lost a parliamentary majority to the ruling Popular Movement, and Mr. Savimbi trailed President José Eduardo dos Santos in the first round of the presidential voting. Mr. dos Santos fell half a percentage point short of the majority needed to avoid a second round of voting.

When fighting resumed, rebel forces occupied more than half of this southern African country, including territory rich in diamonds in the north and several towns near Luanda, the capital.

In the last week, government and rebel troops have battled in 15 of Angola's 18 provinces, with the rebels suffering costly defeats in western and central Angolan cities.

(AP, Reuters)

New Deployment Fails To Quell Bombay Riots

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BOMBAY — Rioting between Hindus and Muslims spread to new areas of India's financial capital on Monday despite curfews and the deployment of thousands of army troops.

Extra forces were rushed to Bombay, a city of 12 million, and convoys of heavily armed soldiers imposed an uneasy calm in some areas worst affected by the fighting. The violence, however, struck new areas.

Banks, the stock exchange, major commodity markets and businesses closed down, as shops and cars were set ablaze and looters ransacked stores.

The violence triggered an exodus of Muslims from the city after rioters set afire shops and homes belonging to Muslims during the weekend.

streets in some areas, throwing gasoline bombs and other makeshift explosive devices.

Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao ordered federal troops in on Sunday, giving them orders to shoot on sight.

Bal Thackeray, leader of the militant Hindu Shiv Sena, or Lord Shiva's Army, which has been blamed for much of the violence, said that Hindus had a right to attack Muslims.

"We are only hitting back," he said. "We have to, otherwise we will be crushed."

In New Delhi on Monday, the election commission called off three parliamentary by-elections because of the violence.

A statement from the commission said elections scheduled for Feb. 15 in three constituencies for the lower house of Parliament, and for 13 seats in various state assemblies, had been postponed. It said campaigning could foment violence.

The violence also spilled over into India's relations with Pakistan, which bowed on Monday to an Indian demand that it reduce its embassy staff in New Delhi.

India asked Pakistan on Sunday to reduce the number of staff to 110 from 159 within a month, in the latest diplomatic dispute between the two countries, triggered by the destruction of the mosque in India.

The demand was made in apparent retaliation for one by Pakistan last month that New Delhi reduce its consulate general staff in Karachi to 20 from 62 by Jan. 31.

(AP, Reuters)

"There is a total breakdown of law and order," said G. M. Banatwala, a leader of the Indian Union Muslim League and former member of Parliament.

At least eight more people were killed in Bombay on Monday and seven more in the western city of Ahmedabad, raising the combined death toll in six days of clashes to 215, according to police and hospitals.

Much of Ahmedabad was under curfew, forcing authorities to cancel a one-day cricket match between India and England scheduled for Saturday.

At least 158 people have been killed in Bombay and more than 700 injured.

Police and community leaders say the clashes are linked to the razing of the 16-century Babri Mosque in the northern Indian town of Ayodhya by thousands of Hindu extremists on Dec. 6.

Parliamentary border security forces began moving into Bombay from New Delhi on Monday to reinforce police and other federal and army forces whose presence had failed to curb the violence.

Scores of people were stranded at Bombay's international airport as taxi drivers refused to take people to most parts of the city because of fears of mob attacks.

Dozens of houses and shops were gutted in fires set Sunday, and many fires burned throughout the night.

The Dharavi district, which has seen some of the worst violence, is one of eight districts of Bombay under a daily 23-hour curfew, but rioters continued to take to the



A Marine searching a wheelbarrow for guns in Mogadishu's main market square on Monday. About 900 Marines swept the area.

Marines Clamp Down in Mogadishu

By John Lancaster and Keith B. Richburg

Washington Post Service

MOGADISHU, Somalia — U.S. Marines on Monday further tightened the screws on the armed bandits and warring factions that continue to terrorize this city, staging a day-long raid on its largest arms market and announcing plans to double the number of combat patrols on city streets.

In a noisy but bloodless operation that began around 7 A.M. Monday and continued through much of the day, 900 combat troops sealed off an area around the Bakara arms market, a warren of market stalls and crumbling warehouses that offers everything from Kalashnikov assault rifles to vegetables and cooking charcoal. Marines conducted a similar operation in an arms market last week.

In Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Somalia's factions agreed Monday to declare an immediate cease-fire and start disarming their militias of heavy weapons, but diplomats doubted that warlords could deliver lasting peace, news agencies reported.

"A cease-fire monitoring group comprised of United Nations troops shall be established immediately," said a statement issued at the UN-sponsored talks between 15 factions in the Ethiopian capital.

[The statement added that a monitoring group would take possession of all heavy weapons under the control of political movements "for safekeeping until such time as a legitimate Somali government can take them over."]

The weapons sweep occurred as fighting appeared to slacken in the Wardigle area of the city, where members of the Murrasade clan on Sunday gunned down men, women and children allied with General Mohammed Farrah Aidid, who controls the southern half

of the city and is one of two dominant warlords.

General Aidid's followers have complained bitterly that U.S. military forces have done nothing to stop the Murrasade attacks even as they have turned up the heat on General Aidid, seizing his weapons and staging an assault on one of his fortified compounds last week.

But U.S. officials played down the significance of Sunday's violence and denied that they were taking sides in factional politics here. "We're not going to be the meat in their sandwich," the special U.S. envoy, Robert B. Oakley, said Monday.

Mr. Oakley called the Murrasade attacks "an isolated incident," adding, "I don't think anything that happened here yesterday points to a continuation of an escalation of fighting."

U.S. military commanders, for their part, have insisted they are taking an equal-opportunity approach to disarmament, tracking down heavy weapons caches without regard to clan affiliation or local politics.

Colonel Michael W. Hagee, a senior operations planner here, offered evidence for that claim Monday, revealing to reporters that U.S. combat troops on Saturday seized a major Murrasade weapons cache north of Mogadishu. The troops confiscated 10 anti-aircraft guns, 16 howitzers and one multiple-rocket launcher from the Murrasade clan, who did not offer any resistance, Colonel Hagee said.

Much of the weaponry was destroyed in place, or turned into "very large paperweights," as Colonel Hagee put it.

After a period in which U.S. combat forces largely experienced this city's clan violence as passive bystanders, the Marines have begun to step up their activities here, moving aggressively into neighborhoods that continue to be

wrecked by civil strife and banditry.

Mr. Hagee told reporters Monday that Task Force Mogadishu, which consists of 1,000 Marines camped at a soccer stadium here, in several days will begin sending 30 patrols a day into city streets, double the present number.

The Marine presence has been applauded by many Somalis, but it also has caused resentment among some who see the U.S. combat forces as a threat to their power and livelihoods — a fact that may explain continued sniper fire and other attacks on U.S. military targets here.

"The ability of the military leaders to control their followers, which was never absolute, I suspect has decreased somewhat," Mr. Oakley said. "The so-called armies are not fighting each other, or doing so much looting. Therefore their source of revenue, their purpose in life, is suffering. This is blamed on the United States."

Monday's operation on the Bakara arms market was the largest of its kind to date.

The market is considered the largest arms bazaar in the city and, for that matter, in all of Somalia. In the past, arms merchants displayed samples of their wares in tin-roofed stalls alongside vegetable and commodity stands, sending runners to nearby warehouses when shopper made their selection.

Many Somalis appeared to welcome the operation and pointed out arms warehouses to the combat troops, according to several Marine officers who participated. But the seizure followed by just a few days a similar operation at Mogadishu's Arjanjan gun market here, and Colonel Hagee acknowledged that arms merchants may well have anticipated the Marines' arrival at the Bakara market.

"It would not surprise me if some of the stuff had been moved out," he said.

France Toughens on an African Ritual

By Marlise Simons

New York Times Service

PARIS — Condemning a widely practiced African custom as a crime, a French court has sent a Gambian woman to jail for mutilating the genitals of two baby daughters.

Last year, in the first case of its kind, a midwife from Mali working in Paris was sentenced to eight years in prison after three babies on whom she operated bled to death.

In the seven previous mutilation trials in France, parents found guilty got suspended sentences.

The mutilation removes the clitoris and part or all of the labia and is sometimes combined with the

stitching up of the vagina. Opponents say the practice, which reduces or prevents sexual pleasure, was originally applied in Muslim countries to control women and was falsely described as a religious demand made by the Koran. Doctors have testified that the custom often leads to severe infections, bleeding and sometimes death among children and creates health and child-bearing problems later.

The sentence is intended as a warning to hundreds of thousands of African immigrants in France. It is also likely to have an effect throughout Western Europe.

Western health workers and women's groups, who have long denounced female circumcision as barbaric, have said they are virtually powerless in the face of a centuries-old tradition practiced in more than 20 African nations and some regions of Asia. By some estimates, it has been performed on 80 million women alive today.

Now, as more and more Muslim immigrants bring the ritual to Europe, critics are trying to abolish the practice. Reports of the operation have stirred sharp criticism in Italy, Britain, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland.

WORLD BRIEFS

Arab League Meeting on Deportees

CAIRO (Reuters) — Arab ministers began talks Monday on Israel's expulsion of more than 400 Palestinians. Diplomats said they would debate a proposal for a strict United Nations timetable for their return and a demand for immediate sanctions against Israel.

Hundreds of Muslim students demonstrated for the second day outside Cairo University, a few blocks from the Israeli Embassy. They burned Israeli flags. Many students holding Korans chanted anti-Israeli slogans. Policemen kept a close watch but did not intervene.

At the opening session of the ministerial meeting, the secretary-general of the Arab League, Esam Abdel Meguid, said, "We appeal to all peace-loving nations not to allow Israel to violate international law this time and to follow international legitimacy by forcing it to return the deportees."

Kohl Rebukes Coalition Partners

BONN (NYT) — As new charges of scandal swirled around Germany's coalition government, Chancellor Helmut Kohl delivered a stiff rebuke to his junior coalition partner Monday for the way it had presumed to dictate his acceptance of a new economics minister last week.

The nominee, Günter Rexrodt of the Free Democratic Party, said Friday night after his party leadership had voted to nominate him that Chancellor Kohl had no choice but to accept him. Later Mr. Rexrodt, who succeeded Jürgen W. Möllemann after he quit in a scandal over letters that Mr. Möllemann had signed to help a cousin's business, described his own remarks as "stupid." Mr. Kohl called Mr. Rexrodt's remarks "unacceptable" on Monday in a sharply worded letter to Otto Lambsdorff, the Free Democrats' chairman.

Meanwhile, a spokesman said Monday that the chancellor would not support calls for the resignation of Housing Minister Ingrid Schwanzer, another Free Democrat, because of a recently disclosed statement that she made at the request of a Munich real-estate investment concern. Mrs. Schwanzer said in a contribution to a house organ published by Germania Investment Management GmbH that the company could make "valuable contributions" to solving the problems of housing and office space, both of which are in acute shortage in East Germany.

UN Still Hopes for Cambodian Vote

PHNOM PENH (Reuters) — Yasushi Akashi, head of the United Nations peacekeeping force in Cambodia that is trying to cope with Khmer Rouge intrusions and escalating political violence, said Monday that he still hoped to hold elections by May.

Elections could not be held in the current political climate, he said, but he reaffirmed his intention to proceed with two national polls by May "at the latest." He spoke on his return from a Beijing meeting with the Cambodian head of state, Prince Norodom Sihanouk. Mr. Akashi heads the 22,000-strong UN team which is charged with supervising two elections for Cambodia: one for a president and another for a constituent assembly.

The UN mission has been plagued with difficulties caused primarily by the armed intransigence of the radical Khmer Rouge guerrilla faction and escalating incidents of violence directed against opposition political parties.

German Hurt in Asylum Hostel Fight

MAGDEBURG, Germany — A German security guard was seriously injured Monday when he tried to break up a fight in a foreign asylum hostel between a Turkish and Romanian refugee, the police said.

The guard at a hostel in the eastern city of Magdeburg had one of his jugular veins cut open and survived only because he was immediately taken to a hospital, they said.

After the incident, a fight broke out between Turks and Romanians in which four asylum seekers were injured before the brawl was ended by the arrival of the police. Seven hostel residents were arrested. The police said they did not know why the violence had broken out.

Police Halt an Anti-Suharto Protest

JAKARTA (AP) — Riot policemen broke up a demonstration Monday by about 250 students camped out near a political party's meeting to oppose a sixth five-year term for President Suharto, a student spokesman said.

About 50 policemen beat some of the demonstrators, injuring two, according to a spokesman for a group calling itself the People's Democratic Alliance.

The demonstrators had spent a night in three tents near the site where the Indonesian Democratic Party, the nation's smallest party, was to meet Monday and Tuesday to discuss its choice for president. It had intended to stay until the meeting's end in Kopo, a mountain resort about 80 kilometers (50 miles) southeast of Jakarta, he said. The party is the only faction in the People's Consultative Assembly that has yet decided its presidential candidate. The other four factions all have expressed support for Mr. Suharto.

Troops Attack in Ex-Soviet Republic

MOSCOW — Pro-Communist government troops in Tajikistan launched an offensive on Monday to disarm rebels in the breakaway Pamir region in the latest outbreak of violence in the Central Asian country.

Saidamir Zukhurov, chairman of the Tajik national security committee, said government forces from Kofrinikond, east of the capital of Dushanbe, were to disarm clans and "put an end to chaos" in towns under opposition control in Rogun and Obigarm, the Russian press agency, Iar-Tass, reported.

The attack was the latest in a monthlong crackdown against Muslim and democratic opposition forces and in particular against armed clans in the southeast Pamir region, which has threatened to declare independence over the past months.

For the Record

Algeria has executed two Muslim fundamentalists in connection with the attack on a naval facility in February, the Justice Ministry said Monday. Forty-eight men had been sentenced to death in Algeria in the past year, but these were first reported executions.

Soldier of Fortune Magazine Is Loser in Court

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday let stand a \$4.3 million judgment against Soldier of Fortune magazine, a development that could put the magazine out of business.

The court, without comment, refused to review the award won by two sons of a murdered Georgia man whose business partner had hired an assassin through a personal ad in the magazine.

advertisements presenting "a substantial danger of harm to the public."

A federal jury ruled that Soldier of Fortune, published since 1975 in Boulder, Colorado, and aimed at adventurers and military enthusiasts, negligently contributed to Richard Braun's 1985 murder at his suburban Atlanta home.

The magazine's June 1985 edition included a personal ad in which Michael Savage offered his services. The ad, in part, said, "GUN FOR HIRE: 37 year old mercenary desires jobs. Discrete and very private. Body guard, courier and other special skills. All jobs considered."

The magazine stopped publishing personal ads in 1986.

Bruce Gastwirth, Mr. Braun's partner, responded to Mr. Savage's ad and discussed with him plans for killing Mr. Braun.

On Aug. 26, 1985, Mr. Savage and two other men went to Mr. Braun's home. As Mr. Braun and his 16-year-old son, Michael, were leaving, Sean Doutré fatally shot Mr. Braun and wounded his son.

Mr. Savage and the others involved in the murder plot were caught, convicted and imprisoned.

Michael Braun and his brother, Ian, filed a wrongful-death lawsuit in 1988 against Soldier of Fortune.

In upholding the \$4.3 million award, the appeals court had said that the advertisement presented a "clearly identifiable unreasonable risk" of a violent crime.

Miyazawa Opens Tour In Jakarta

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

JAKARTA — Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa of Japan arrived in Jakarta on Monday on the first leg of a Southeast Asian tour and was immediately urged to open up his country's economy and to recognize that Japan's own security needs should not overshadow those of its neighbors.

"More tariff barriers should be removed," State Secretary Mardiono of Indonesia told reporters.

He said President Suharto, in formal talks with Mr. Miyazawa, might raise the issue of high tariffs on Indonesian plywood, one of the country's biggest exports.

An editorial in the Jakarta Post called for stronger Japanese assurances backed by action to open up its economy.

"Asian countries still have doubts about the good intention of Japan," the editorial said.

President Suharto, who last year took over as chairman of the 108-member Nonaligned Movement, will repeat his request to speak to the Group of Seven industrial countries.

A Nonaligned Movement meeting in Jakarta last September called on industrial countries to spread more wealth to the developing world.

Japanese officials in Tokyo said Mr. Miyazawa would stress the importance of a continuing U.S. military presence in the region in his talks in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Brunei. (Reuters, AP)



TROUBLE IN ATHENS — A policeman in Athens subduing a demonstrator Monday, as hundreds of university students marked the death of a teacher two years ago at a protest.

Tanker Feared to Be Spilling All Its Oil

By William Schmidt

New York Times Service

SUMBURGH HEAD, Shetland Islands — The grounded tanker Braer was spewing oil from broken hatches Monday, and salvage officials fear that a second night of hurricane force winds could cause the damaged ship to spill most of its cargo.

Six days after the tanker lost power and ran aground along this rocky coast, the wreck — which through the weekend was believed still to contain most of its cargo — was rolling heavily in a 30-foot surf and hurricane-force winds, grinding the underside of the hull and causing its remaining, intact oil tanks to rupture.

Salvage and pollution officials had been hopeful that salvors could reach the beached tanker in time to unload its remaining cargo. But

Geert Koffeman, of the Dutch company Smit Tak, which is handling the salvage operation, acknowledged that there was no longer any guarantee that there would be any oil left on board to recover.

"Most of the tanks in the forward part of the vessel are open and leaking to the sea," he said.

Salvage officials said the ship's structure was still intact, despite a succession of January gales that have battered the wreck since last Tuesday. Salvors said the ship's stern, containing the engine section, had already begun to separate from the rest of the vessel, and that cranes and other equipment on the ship's deck were beginning to topple in the raging seas.

Conservationists warned of the renewed specter of a 26-million-gallon oil spill — twice the volume of the Exxon Valdez accident in

Alaska in 1989 — and renewed fears of environmental damage along the southern coast of this remote island, one of Europe's major colonies for seabirds, seals and otters.

"A day ago we thought we were going to get away with it," said Paul Horsman, of Greenpeace, an environmentalist group. "Now we know the area around where the tanker will be devastated."

He said the oil that had already spilled had resulted in nearly 600 bird deaths and five seal casualties, and in untold damage to the marine environment off the coast.

But pollution control officials asserted again that damage from the spill, including the fresh oil leaking Monday, was mitigated by the raging seas, which was helping to quickly scatter the oil.

No one knows how much of the oil has already spilled from the ship, which has spread a patchy rainbow sheen along some 50 miles of coast. David Bedford, an official from Britain's Marine Pollution Control Unit, said that the weather had "greatly reduced" the amount of oil along the coast.

With forecasts calling for a second night of winds gusting early at more than 75 miles an hour, these remote British islands, so far north they are closer to Reykjavik than London, were all but cut off from the rest of the world.

Airlines canceled scheduled flights, and two members of the royal family, Prince Charles and his father, the Duke of Edinburgh, postponed a visit to the Shetlands, scheduled for Monday, to talk to islanders about the accident. They hoped to come Tuesday.

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TRANSITION /

The Clinton Team Falls Off the Pace In Filling Lineup

By Stephen Barr and Al Kamen
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Clinton transition team, which has promised a quick start on economic and other policy issues, appears to have lost its momentum at a crucial stage in its effort to staff the government.

Although transition officials met their deadline of naming the cabinet by Christmas, Bill Clinton and his aides are finding the selection of a sub-cabinet an even more daunting task. There are "too many lists, too many names," said a transition source, and that "is bogging down the process."

The sub-cabinet includes almost all of the policy-making jobs in the executive branch. Depending on how it is defined, the sub-cabinet can range from 650 to 1,800 jobs, from undersecretaries to non-career Senior Executive Service positions.

Clinton transition officials said earlier that they hoped to have as many as 200 sub-cabinet officials named by Inauguration Day. They since have dramatically scaled back their goals.

Mark D. Gearan, deputy transition director, said the transition team expected to have about 100 sub-cabinet appointments "near completion" by Jan. 20.

At the moment, he said, the team is focused on filling the most critical jobs — deputies, undersecretaries and, in some departments, assistant secretaries.

Mr. Clinton also appears to be having trouble putting together his own White House staff. Working with his chief of staff, Thomas F. (Mac) McLarty, Mr. Clinton has expected to announce the rest of his White House assistants last week.

But there were indications Friday that Mr. Clinton might be re-thinking some of his tentative decisions as he sought to balance a desire to reward key members of his campaign with his pledge to bring diversity to the White House staff.

For sub-cabinet appointments, the Clinton transition, apparently using the Reagan administration as its model, has worked to maximize its control over the appointments process.

The centralized operation, transition sources said, begins with a group headed by Richard Riley, a former South Carolina governor who is the education secretary-designate, taking hundreds of names — solicited and unsolicited — and winnowing them to lists of five to 10 potential candidates for each sub-cabinet job. That list, which is developed in consultation with the designated cabinet secretary, is then sent to Little Rock, Arkansas, where names can be added, subtracted or a decision made.

A centralized appointments process, as the Reagan personnel chief,

Pendleton James, said, "prevents people doing end runs on you."

Mr. Clinton's "biggest problem right now is staffing the administration," Mr. James said. "What controls the government is the sub-cabinet. It is the sub-cabinet that prepares the issue papers, frames the debates, sets the agenda that filters its way up to the cabinet and Oval Office."

Studies of previous transitions generally agree that President Jimmy Carter failed to control the sub-cabinet appointments, leaving it primarily to his cabinet members, and ended up in several agencies with appointees who pursued goals that diverted the Carter White House into costly political fights.

There is more to a transition than worries about process and the numbers game, said Mark A. Abramson, president of the Council for Excellence in Government, a nonprofit group of former federal managers and executives.

"The success of the Clinton administration will depend on the quality of its sub-cabinet," Mr. Abramson said, adding that Clinton appeared to recognize the importance of teamwork. "The thing that government gets stalled on is turf battles," he said. "Government comes to a grinding halt without a sense of team."

Mr. Gearan said the Clinton transition had constructed its appointments process "to make sure it is serving the interests of Governor Clinton and Senator Gore."

Transition sources said the lists of names being developed were based on merit and job qualifications. But the lists are also checked to ensure they reflect these criteria:

- The campaign's pledge to support diversity (appropriately representing women, minorities and regional interests).

- The desires and interests of Mr. Clinton and Vice President-elect Al Gore.

- Whether the job applicant worked on the 1992 campaign.

- Concerns of special interest groups.

- Other political considerations, such as work on Capitol Hill or the backing of a Clinton supporter.

In trying to meet all these goals, the Clinton transition team has dramatically complicated and slowed the selection process.

When the lists are presented in Little Rock, Mr. Clinton becomes "very actively involved" in the selection process, another source said.

Mr. Clinton's involvement, the sources said, slows the pace of making appointments, in part because he also must attend to foreign-policy briefings involving Iraq, Somalia and Bosnia, meet with economic advisers, and travel, such as his trip to Texas last week to meet with President Carlos Salinas de Gortari of Mexico.



Carol M. Browner, the Florida environmental official nominated to head the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with Governor Lawton Chiles of Florida, left, and Senator Connie Mack of Florida, at the confirmation hearings for Ms. Browner on Monday.

The Next CIA Chief: Up From Activism

By Michael R. Gordon
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Friends of R. James Woolsey Jr., President-elect Bill Clinton's choice as director of Central Intelligence, like to talk about the time after the 1968 election when he found himself in an argument about the Vietnam War with the deputy secretary of defense.

Like many in his generation, the 27-year-old army lieutenant fulfilling his ROTC service requirement at the Pentagon strongly opposed the war. But the deputy, Paul H. Nitze, had backed him into a corner of the exclusive F Street Club, insisting that Eugene J. McCarthy's presidential campaign had hurt the peace talks.

Lieutenant Woolsey, a founding member of the Yale Citizens for McCarthy, refused to yield.

Twenty-four years later, at 51, Mr. Woolsey has more in common with Mr. Nitze than with that young lieutenant. After a career in both Democratic and Republican administrations, Mr. Woolsey has become a conservative voice on the Clinton national security team, completing an evolution from campus activist to Washington insider with solid credentials on military issues.

Mr. Woolsey's detractors portray him as an ambitious man who saw a professional advantage in being to the right of most of his Democratic counterparts, becoming the Republicans' favorite Democrat and the ideal candidate to protect a Democratic White House. From charges that he plans to cut military spending too much, they say his thinking is too heavily rooted in the Cold War, when he sounded alarms about the Soviet missile threat, and that he is not the man to help the American intelligence agencies adapt to a new world.

But after more than two decades in Washington, Mr. Woolsey appears to have many more supporters in high places than opponents, including Brent Scowcroft, President George Bush's national security adviser, and Bobby Ray Inman, former deputy director of the CIA, who recommended him to Mr. Clinton.

His backers say he is just what the Clinton administration needs: a nondogmatic conservative who has experience in overseeing intelligence programs and also has a sense of the strengths and weaknesses of intelligence reporting from his days as an arms negotiator. To his supporters, he is an accepted member of the national security establishment who is likely to be politically acceptable to intelligence agencies while having the intellect and energy to change them.

Although he is conservative on military issues, Mr. Woolsey has demonstrated in his recent work for the agency that he is prepared to cut the intelligence budget. And as the focus of the national security debate has changed, Mr. Woolsey has also been engaged in some areas that the new administration has identified as among its national security priorities.

He has talked of focusing on the problems of the spread of nuclear and chemical weapons and ethnic conflict, the new threats to peace also identified by Mr. Clinton. And he has participated in studies on

having the United Nations enforce peace using UN troops.

A former Rhodes scholar who graduated from Stanford and Yale Law School, he has in his Washington practice, represented major military contractors and international contractors. The Tulsa native is taking over the American intelligence apparatus at a critical moment. Not only will he help guide the Clinton administration at a time of turbulence, he also faces the task of redefining the CIA role.

The new director will face a challenge of striking a balance between highlighting the new threats to American security and avoiding the temptation to sound the alarm at every potential crisis to protect the agency from criticism that it let its guard down.

In a Dec. 3 address to the World Affairs Council in Washington, Mr. Woolsey stressed the need to focus on an arc of unstable and heavily armed nations that stretches from North Africa, across the Middle East and the former Soviet Union to North Korea.

Though U.S. intelligence organizations have already begun to focus more on the spread of weapons and

regional tensions after the Cold War, Mr. Woolsey is most likely to go further by directing that more reconnaissance satellites, electronic interception capabilities and human intelligence sources be focused on that broad swath of nations.

A committee that he headed did a classified study this summer at the request of the CIA. That study on reconnaissance capabilities proposed a new set of priorities for intelligence gathering and outlining substantial budgetary cuts.

At the same time, the agency can be expected to reduce its emphasis on covert operations, which many analysts think have become less necessary after the end of the Cold War.

He played an important national security role advising the Reagan administration, working with Mr. Scowcroft in drafting a compromise report for a presidential panel on the MX missile that became the basis of the administration's strategic nuclear policy.

The report recommended developing the MX as well as developing the small single-warhead Midgetman missile. Two important

members of Congress who supported the panel were Representative Les Aspin, Mr. Clinton's choice to become defense secretary, and Al Gore, the Tennessee senator who is now the vice president-elect.

In the 1988 campaign, Mr. Woolsey clashed with Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts over nuclear weapons policy and ended up backing Mr. Gore's failed bid for the nomination.

Then, with the support of Mr. Scowcroft, he was named to negotiate the treaty that cut conventional armed forces in Europe. Later, as Mr. Clinton mounted a challenge to Mr. Bush, Mr. Woolsey signed a letter endorsing the Democratic candidate in August, lending his conservative credentials on military policy to Mr. Clinton when Mr. Bush was alleging that he was weak on foreign policy.

Even with his impressive résumé, Mr. Woolsey has never held a post as challenging as that of director of central intelligence. Still, with his Washington credentials, he is expected to sail through the confirmation process and take on a job that he has described as presenting a "complex and difficult agenda."

POLITICAL NOTES

Perot Now Campaigning for Money, Not Votes

DALLAS — Ross Perot is back in the public eye. He returned to the podium on Monday asking not for votes but for money. Two months after winning almost 19 percent of the vote in his bid for president, Mr. Perot has changed his supporters' organization, United We Stand, America, into a political watchdog group. "We will stick together one for all and all for one," he said at a news conference.

Using his organization as a base, the Dallas billionaire hopes to maintain some political influence after President-elect Bill Clinton takes office. But Mr. Perot said he would consider it a "personal failure" if he were drawn into making another presidential bid in 1996.

Mr. Perot said the new organization would create a counterbalance to Washington's special interests, allowing the Clinton administration to proceed with government reforms and painful deficit reduction measures.

Holding up flip charts that became a kind of trademark during his presidential race, Mr. Perot urged Americans to write to his group and begin paying \$15 annual dues. He plans talk show appearances this week and 60-second TV commercials beginning Jan. 25.

"Our goal is to have millions of members in every city and town and neighborhood," he said.

The organization, with a paid staff of 30 in Dallas, will monitor elected officials' voting records and follow issues, particularly government reform and deficit reduction, which Mr. Perot championed in his independent run for president.

It will not back candidates, but it may rate officeholders as other interest groups do.

Mr. Perot's 19 percent of the vote was the most of any third-party candidate since 1912. Based on that showing, Mr. Perot says he believes his organization can become a force to be reckoned with.

Mr. Perot faces some hurdles, such as more clearly defining the group's purpose and managing it better than he did his campaign, which was beset by infighting and is the subject of an FBI investigation for alleged computer hacking.

Also, Mr. Perot will have to sustain members' interest. (AP)

For Democrats, Which Ball Will Be the Bello?

WASHINGTON — The inaugural committee maintains a militantly egalitarian posture about the 11 inaugural balls on Jan. 20: all are equal. But in a town constantly calibrating its rankings of the "in" and the "out," such neutrality cannot last. People want to know which events are more equal than others.

A quick rule of thumb: the more "out" something was perceived to be under the Republicans, the more "in" it is perceived to be now.

In keeping with this proposition, the reception next Tuesday afternoon for the Victory Fund to benefit gay and lesbian candidates is sold out, according to Robert Deaton, a gay Arkansas familiar with the planning. He says he still hopes to find an invitation for his rabbi from Little Rock.

Another party next Tuesday for Emily's List, the organization that raises money for women candidates, is attracting large numbers of Arkansas, Mr. Deaton said. Since Arkansas and women candidates both used to be "out," the effect may double the importance of this celebration.

For those who trace their origins to Arkansas — a group growing at a rate the Census Bureau would have difficulty tracking — the events of choice are rebelliously informal gatherings of Arkansans.

The most rebellious of these, perhaps, is the party of the LOTT Society, a new group taking its name from George Bush's remark that Arkansas was "the Lowest of the Low" in key economic indicators. The group's logo — a buzzard perched on the corner of the state holding an elephant and declaring, "We Ain't Trash No More" — sold enough T-shirts to pay for an all-Inauguration Day bash. (NYT)

Quota / Unquote

Carol M. Browner, nominated by Mr. Clinton to head the Environmental Protection Agency: "The adversarial relationship that now exists ignores the real complexities of environmental and business problems." (AP)

2d Transplant Patient Gets a Baboon Liver

By Lawrence K. Altman
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — A 62-year-old man has become the world's second recipient of a baboon liver at the University of Pittsburgh in a transplant that is part of an effort to overcome the species barrier and ease the growing shortage of organs from human donors.

The patient was dying from hepatitis B, a virus that destroyed his liver, building up bile in his blood and turning his skin a deep yellow. But his chronic, active hepatitis B infection would be likely to infect a donated human liver, making him ineligible to receive a donated human organ at most transplant centers, including the University of Pittsburgh, the largest in the country, officials said.

The patient, who requested confidentiality, was listed in critical condition, normal for such a case. The operation was the second in a planned series of four experiments directed by Dr. Thomas E. Starzl, the liver transplant pioneer, and approved by a committee that evaluates the ethics of human experiments at the university.

The four baboon-to-human liver experiments involve patients with hepatitis B because baboon livers, unlike human ones, are believed to resist this viral infection.

Dr. Starzl no longer performs surgery, and the operating room team was headed by Dr. John J. Fung, one of his students.

The second baboon-to-human liver transplant came one day after Dr. Starzl's team published a scientific report on the first such transplant, performed last June.

The recipient, an unidentified 35-year-old man with hepatitis B, died in September, 70 days after the transplant. An autopsy showed that the cause of death was a stroke from a fungal infection that invaded the arteries of his brain.

The baboon liver in that transplant functioned well without any apparent harm to the recipient. Dr. Starzl said after the autopsy. At the time, he attributed the man's death largely to technical errors and not to rejection problems.

New details of factors contributing to the death of the first patient were reported Saturday in The Lancet, the British medical journal.

Dr. Starzl's team linked the man's death, in part, to damaged bile ducts and an accumulation of bile pigments, cholesterol and other debris in the liver. The surgeons said they did not know why the material accumulated, but said the sudden release of the debris containing the fungus might have contributed to the fatal stroke.

Although the first transplanted baboon liver showed no evidence of hepatitis B infection at autopsy, the doctors said the man did not live long enough to show conclusively that the baboon liver was resistant.

Away From Politics

- District of Columbia health workers and 150 volunteers were to sweep through the city's homeless shelters to test residents for tuberculosis to control the resurgent disease in one of its main breeding grounds.

- Cardinal John O'Connor of New York has sharply criticized the city's decision to give the permit for the St. Patrick's Day parade to a group that will allow a gay and lesbian group to march, suggesting that the move violated the constitutional separation of church and state.

- Strong winds, heavy waves and the highest tides forced last month's devastating storm caused damage to Long Island's badly eroded sand dunes, washing more homes into the Atlantic Ocean and widening breakthroughs in narrow barrier beaches east of New York.

- The National Commission on AIDS said the federal government needed to consider the epidemic as a racial issue because blacks and Hispanics were catching the disease in numbers far beyond their share. The two groups account for 46 percent of U.S. AIDS cases, but for only 21 percent of the U.S. population.

- A man in Houston shot his 21-year-old wife to death while visiting her in a hospital psychiatric ward and then committed suicide, officials said. Sally Robinson was killed Sunday afternoon at Ben Taub Hospital by her husband, Robert, 31, said a hospital spokesman.

- A group of Cubans on a fishing trip tied up the boat's captain and headed the vessel to the United States, the Coast Guard said Monday. The boat arrived in Key West, Florida, early Sunday, towed by the cutter Sitnak for the last few miles of the journey. It carried 14 passengers and the captain, who wants to return to Cuba. WP, NYT, AP

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Two soldiers of the Bosnian forces opposing the Serbs arriving at their camp near Sarajevo.

GERMANY: UN Wants Troops

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ment agency headquarters moved to Bonn.
He said he was making the promise, even though from Addis Ababa to Tokyo "skyscrapers" were being built in hope of luring UN agencies.
Diplomatic sources said the UN leader wanted Germany to play a larger role in the organization both to reflect its influence in Europe and to help minimize the dominance of the United States, Britain and France in UN affairs.
Mr. Kinkel said he and Mr. Butros Ghali had agreed that the question of Germany's military participation must be resolved in the coming months "or else Germany will lose its international credibility."
The foreign minister said the German debate, which has focused for years on the distinction between peacekeeping and peace-making missions, had been rendered moot as operations to protect the Kurds in northern Iraq or to feed starving Somalis blurred the dividing line between the two types of action.
Mr. Butros Ghali said that Germany should participate in every type of UN military action.
Mr. Kohl agreed, saying, "We as members of the United Nations not only enjoy certain rights but also have certain obligations to fulfill."
Mr. Kinkel's Christian Democratic Party supports a constitutional amendment to allow German troops to take part both in UN missions and in coalitions such as that assembled for the Gulf war.
Mr. Kinkel's Free Democrats partners in the governing coalition, favor participation in UN missions, but not in other coalitions. The Social Democrats favor joining only peacekeeping efforts.
Despite Mr. Butros Ghali's assurances that the international community did not fear the prospect of German troops carrying weapons outside their own country, some German politicians remain reluctant to rush to change the post-World War II status quo.
"Why do our own government ministers constantly deplore the fact that our troops are not in Somalia?" asked a senior Bonn official. "Yes, we have to resolve the debate over our military's role, but let's not do it under the pressure of a crisis."
As the debate continues, the German armed forces are going ahead with plans to broaden their mission. Inspector Helge Hansen, in an advisory role in August, described preparations for German soldiers taking part in operations "inside and outside the NATO area."
"Special attention in training is to be devoted to combat, as well as to registering and transporting the dead," he added.

TALKS: Bosnian Serbs Drop Call for Separate State

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their patron, have been blamed by the international community for executing a land grab that was accomplished with the use of murder, torture and mass rape. Serbian terror has forced the displacement of about 1.6 million Bosnians, most of them Muslims.
The peace plan on offer gives the Serbs administrative control over 42 percent of Bosnian territory, a division that the plan's critics say rewards the Serbs for their brutality. The authors of the peace-plan map, however, argue that it demands a substantial roll-back by the Serbs from their war gains.
A Western source said Monday night that the co-chairmen of the talks, Cyrus R. Vance, representing the United Nations, and Lord Owen for the European Community, were likely to accept a Serb-proposed amendment to their plan that would recognize "three constituent units" in Bosnia, a recognition of the Serbian, Croatian and Muslim populations.
"These words would not represent a big obstacle as far as the co-chairmen are concerned," the source said.
Any changes, however, in the wording of the 10-point peace plan will have to be approved by the Croats and by the Muslims.

While the Croats, who have already given their unequivocal support to the peace plan, are unlikely to object to the new wording, it seems certain that the Muslims will.
The Muslims, who made up 44 percent of Bosnia's prewar population and who have been the main victim of Serbian violence, have reluctantly accepted that Bosnia should have a weak central government. But they continue to insist that the republic should not be divided into ethnically governed regions. Serbs constitute less than a third of the population.
Harris Silajdzic, foreign minister of the Muslim-dominated Bosnian government, suggested that his government would not accept significant changes in the Geneva plan.
It should be clear on Tuesday, with the expected return of the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, whether the Muslims will agree to a constitution that contains Serb-proposed language about the central government's power deriving from three ethnic groups.
Mr. Izetbegovic, furious about the Serbs' assassination in Sarajevo last week of his deputy prime minister, attended the Geneva talks briefly on Sunday. He then flew off for a one-day meeting in Dakar, Senegal, with leaders of Islamic countries.
For months, Mr. Izetbegovic has been pleading for weapons so that his forces can fight back against the well-armed Bosnian Serbs. Islamic countries have set a deadline of Jan. 15 for a negotiated end to the war, after which they are threatening to unilaterally violate a UN arms embargo on the former Yugoslavia and ship weapons to Bosnia.

Bosnia Condemns UN Commanders

REUTERS
SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina—The Bosnian government said Monday that it had requested the replacement of the French commander of United Nations forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina, General Philippe Morillon, and the Sarajevo commander, General Hussein Abdel Razek of Egypt.
An Interior Ministry spokesman said the UN was to send an investigating team from New York to study the circumstances surrounding the assassination Friday of Deputy Prime Minister Hakija Turjagic while under UN protection.
The Bosnian government previously said it had lost confidence in General Morillon and his staff.

U.K. Weighs Tougher Controls on Press

By John Darnton
New York Times Service

LONDON—Still reeling from the unmitigated press coverage of the royal family's marital woes and other scandals, the government is considering stringent curbs on British newspapers that would include fines for violators and mandated corrections and apologies.
The proposals, in a report submitted Friday to the national heritage secretary under Prime Minister John Major, have not been made public. But details were leaked this weekend to major newspapers, which promptly and loudly denounced them as tantamount to censorship.
The centerpiece of the change would be a new statutory body called the Press Complaints Tribunal, made up of a judge and two lay persons appointed by the government. It would draft a code of conduct and provide for unspecified fines for those that break it.
The tribunal would also be empowered to order offending newspapers to print corrections and apologies—a feature that did not sit well at all with many editors.
"I'm not going to have some clipped-out judge and two busybodies deciding what our readers want to read," said Kelvin McKenzie, editor of The Sun.
Over the summer, The Sun raised eyebrows, and circulation, by printing intimate excerpts from what it said was an intercepted conversation between the Princess of Wales and a male friend. For those who wanted to eavesdrop on the eavesdropper, it briefly set up a special phone number.
At about the same time, another tabloid, The Mirror, splashed on the front-page pho-

tographs of the Duchess of York, the estranged wife of Prince Andrew, the Duke of York, appearing topless with a male friend on the Riviera.
Given the controversy that the press proposals are stirring up, it is by no means certain that Mr. Major will try to convert the report into legislation or that any such legislation would pass. If he tried, the papers were quick to point out, his government would find itself in what The Daily Telegraph called a "battle royal."
But that the 70-page report by Sir David Calcutt, a barrister and Master of Magdalene College at Cambridge, reached such drastic conclusions was itself seen as a measure of the frustration and anger over the behavior of Fleet Street in the last year.
The reaction runs deep in part of the Conservative Party. "Control is long overdue," said Sir Ivan Lawrence, a Conservative MP. "The press has been warned for over a decade and told to stop their abuse of power. But all of the old problems continued, leading to the near destruction of the royal family, among other things."
Critics of the proposals see them as an attack on the freedom of the press. "I'm very against any statutory form of censorship," said Peter Carter-Ruck, a solicitor specializing in media law. "It's an attempt to reintroduce the licensing laws of the 17th century. So we'd be going back 200 years." He was referring to parliamentary laws that issued decrees for the organization and control of printing and that criminalized the publication of treasonable, seditious or blasphemous books.
Besides documenting the travails of the

House of Windsor, the papers have gone after several government figures. One was David Mellor, a cabinet minister whose brief ironically included the news media. He resigned in September after the papers disclosed that he was carrying on an extramarital affair with a Spanish actress.
Another is Norman Lamont, chancellor of the Exchequer. Among other things, papers discovered that he had used public and Conservative Party funds to help pay legal bills incurred in evicting a self-described sex therapist to whom he had unwittingly rented his London home.
An additional recommendation in the Calcutt report is the passage of laws on privacy to prohibit such things as bugging telephones, trespassing and using telephoto-lenses to photograph people not in public areas. Some members of Parliament predict that these might well pass while the proposal for a tribunal would not.
The proposed tribunal would take the place of two years ago after a previous report on press misbehavior. It receives complaints, issues opinions and sets general ethical guidelines but relies on moral persuasion.
Lord McGregor of Durris, chairman of the current commission, said the proposals "would be a major disaster for our democracy" by discouraging investigative reporting. "They say this is only being done to protect the privacy of individuals. But these individuals are going to be politicians, members of the government, the royal family and folk of that ilk. They want to draw a cordon sanitaire around eminent personages."

Dutch Plan: Raise Land Above the Seas

By Robert L. Kroon
Special to the Herald Tribune

DELFT, Netherlands—If and when global warming and its expected melting of the polar icecaps start raising sea levels—a process some climatologists believe could begin in the first half of the next century—the descendants of Hans Brinker will be ready to meet the threat.
Fingers in dikes, of course, will not stop the tide—they never did. And raising levees and dikes may not be enough to protect this country: 60 percent of it already lies well below current North Sea levels.
Hence, two prominent Dutch scientists have come up with a new twist in the old Dutch battle against the sea, a defense strategy: Jacking up the Netherlands, or at least its 360-kilometer-long (220-mile-long) coastline, will ultimately be the only solution, according to Olaf Schuling, a professor of geochemistry at Utrecht University and Jan Nieuwenhuis, an international authority on soil mechanics from Delft.
What's more, they say such an Atlantic bid could be accomplished cost-effectively. The technology involves injection of huge quantities of sulfuric acid into the substrata of limestone underneath

the alluvial topsoil that blankets most of the Netherlands.
"Sulfuric acid reacts with calcium carbonate to form gypsum," said Mr. Nieuwenhuis, 53. "It was Schuling's idea that by injecting sulfuric acid into coastal limestone at depths of some 500 meters, the expanding gypsum would release continuing upward pressures, because after some initial horizontal expansion it would have no other place to go. Eventually, pressure forces spreading upward like an inverted cone would raise surface levels over a wide area."
"After more than a year of lab experiments, we think it can be done," he said.
An injection hole of 500 meters (1,650 feet) would affect a surface area with a two-kilometer diameter, according to Mr. Nieuwenhuis. This Herculean enterprise would require enormous quantities of sulfuric acid, but that would be a plus rather than a problem, the scientists say.
Industrialized countries like the Netherlands are saddled with huge surpluses of sulfuric acid, an unwanted byproduct of the chemical industry.
"Even if the jack-up yield would be disappointing, we will still reap the bonus of environment-friendly sulfuric acid disposal," Mr. Nieuwenhuis said. "In Holland

alone, we generate 5 million cubic meters of acid waste every year."
In what Mr. Nieuwenhuis describes as "trying to make scientific sense out of a crazy brain wave," the two scientists started with small-scale experiments in a Delft lab. The initial results were promising enough to elicit a grant of 1 million guilders (\$1,840,000) from the National Science Foundation and the Ministry of Public Works for an expanded test program that will start this month. It will include a 50-meter experimental shaft that will be drilled into the chalky soil of Limburg Province.
"We already know that the chemical reaction works beautifully in sandy limestone, but not as well in dense and compact calcium carbonate," says Mr. Nieuwenhuis. The scientists are also planning to run scale tests in the world's biggest geocentrifuge, a \$10 million gadget owned by Delft Geotechnics BV, the specialized soil engineering consortium in which Mr. Nieuwenhuis is a partner.
The machine, which can produce 300 times the force of gravity, has helped configure all major Dutch hydro-engineering projects as well as foundation parameters for the new Cebis Belt bridge in Denmark.
"We are about to embark on an inverted mining process," Mr. Nieuwenhuis said. "Oil and gas ex-

traction requires hydraulic fracturing, which the sulfuric acid will do all by itself. It will then filter through the limestone from cracks at the borehole site."
Mr. Nieuwenhuis and his 150 engineers say they may face as yet imponderable problems.
"Tampering with nature on this scale is always risky and we don't want to be sorcerer's apprentices," he said. "Raising the soil may provoke earthquakes, but we think they can be held within Richter 3 magnitudes—not much more than the tremors provoked by heavy trucks. If we get the green light from the government, we may opt for offshore drilling. Tilted windmills or beach hotels is not our idea. At any rate, jacking up the coastline will be a process over decades."
Preliminary computer models show it will require 60 years of Dutch sulfuric acid waste output to raise a 320-kilometer-by-2-kilometer coastal belt by a meter.
Delft Geotechnics engineers think their technology may also become a good export industry. Already inquiries have come in from Portugal and the United States. It could be suitable for saving low-lying tourist regions like the Maldives if global warming takes effect.

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the end of the day which give us clean election arrangements for 1995 and a more broadly based legislature.
The governor's comments, and his determination to give Hong Kong the opportunity to advance its democratic development before the territory is handed back to China, underlined the seemingly unbridgeable gulf between Britain and China over the issue.
Mr. Patten is a former senior politician in Britain's governing Conservative Party who has strong backing from the British government.
He said that while it might sound "terribly head-of-schoolish" he was

COLONY: China's Hard Line Is 'Difficult to Fathom'

trying to act "with a sense of honor" to protect the interests of Hong Kong.
"I am keen that the last chapter in the story of Empire of the United Kingdom should be closed as decently, cleanly and honestly as possible."
Mr. Patten conceded that since his proposals were first put forward in October, support for them in Hong Kong had been "dented" by criticism and threats from Chinese officials.
He said that businessmen should remember the relationship between the rule of law and Hong Kong's economic prosperity.
"It is crystal clear," he said, "that what is special about Hong Kong is the combination of Chinese entrepreneurship and the rule of law."
Mr. Patten said he understood why people in Hong Kong were concerned. They wanted to have "a bit more of a say in running their own lives," he said, but they also wanted the argument with China to be resolved.
The governor said that he was ready to talk to China "at any time, anywhere about these issues."
He added, however, that the present Chinese position was that such talks could only take place "if I abandon all my proposals even though they still have substantial community support and have been twice endorsed by the Legislative Council."

IRAQ: Security Council Debates 2 Raids Into Kuwait

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Kuwait on Jan. 15, according to the UN ruling in November.
Iraq has disputed that ruling which, among other things, allocated to Kuwait's ownership several sensitive stretches of territory, including oil fields and the naval base built up by Iraq on the Gulf during the war with Iran from 1980 to 1988 in what was deemed disputed territory between the two countries for decades.
Arab diplomats in Cairo, however, believed that the real purpose of the incursions was to test the incoming Clinton administration at a time when the Iraqis believe the outgoing Bush administration will be unable to act until inauguration day, on Jan. 20.
"They are working on what they think is a dead period to widen their field of motion," a senior Arab diplomat said Monday.
Mr. Sahhaf confirmed to the Egyptian Middle East News Agency that Iraqi personnel had gone into the demilitarized zone. The

Turks Seize Freighter With 14 Tons of Heroin

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ANKARA—Tipped by U.S. narcotics agents, Turkish warships seized a Panama-flagged freighter carrying 14 tons of heroin in international waters near the Suez Canal. Interior Minister Ismet Sezgin announced Monday.
The ship was towed Monday by Turkish warships to the naval base of Aksaz near the Mediterranean resort of Marmaris. The Istanbul daily Sabah said the shipment was owned by two Turks: Svekut Cubuk, the owner of the ship, and Haili Avar.
On Monday, Mr. Branson went further. He urged BA directors to

2 Die in Philippine Gunfight

REUTERS
MANILA—A policeman and a Communist rebel were killed in a gunfight in a village close to Manila on Monday, the police said. Four other rebels were captured during the clash.
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Style

Milan Menswear: Price Is Right

By Suzy Menkes
International Herald Tribune

MILAN — The menswear shows have opened with two words on everyone's lips: knits and prices. A combination of a strong dollar and an exceptionally good holiday season in the United States has cheered store buyers, most of whom have come from the Florence weekend shows, enthusing over a capsule collection from Paul Smith of Britain and a circus presentation by Romeo Gigli.

The most significant thing about the new autumn and winter lines is that they are in touch — with ecology, nature and the feel-good fabrics that are luxurious but not flashy. And knits are expected to stage a major comeback — both in the easy layers of sweaters and cardigans for weekend wear, and in woven materials that give texture and surface interest to regular jackets.

The mood on Milan's opening day was summed up by Anthony Tarassi, whose quiet grays, absorbed from the city's drizzling skies and stolid stone buildings, made a fine collection.

"I do things you have to look at closely and feel — not like designers whose clothes you can see coming down the street," said Tarassi of his cloud-gray alpaca jacket sashed like a bathrobe and subtle mixes of fabric: a cardigan striped in knit and jersey or a shirt in patchwork squares of cotton and wool. Everything was soft to handle, from brushed-cotton T-shirts in make-believe cashmere to deep-pleated teddy-bear wool bouclé. Tarassi's way of making jackets like shirts and polo sweaters in jersey looks modern, and his knits included sophisticated tank tops to be worn outside as a body-warming layer and ethnic sweaters in marled wool.

The shows really get going Tuesday, with Versace, Ferré and Armani in the latter half of the week. But there is a new kid on the block: Sergio Giombelli, the founding father of Byblos, who was ousted from the family business and has now set up on his own.

"It's a very exciting moment — it's doing what I did before, expressing what is inside me, but with a much smaller company so the operation is more flexible and I can be closer to the customer," said Giombelli, who has meetings this week with representatives of stores from Barneys and Bergdorf's to Charivari and Neiman-Marcus.

Wearing a sunflower vest (from Paul Smith), Giombelli's son Alfredo — a fashion student in London — showed off the new line, which has a hint of the 1960s in its short coats and elongated jackets, and a focus on natural colors or, by contrast, black and red. Textural effects include a soft woven jacket with the tweedy look of Donegal knit and sweaters that are the real needles-and-yarn thing.

Another family upset has given Reporter a new management and a sharper cutting edge of fashion under its British designer of eight years, Greg Lesson. He focused on knits for a polar-inspired theme in plaid colors, using, he said, "an old type of machine to give a bouclé effect." Other texture stories included heavy tweed caps and flecked herringbone tweeds in the ploughed-earth country colors, and corduroy.

The big news in recession-ridden Milan is that the devaluation of the lira last fall may have the desired effect of pushing export sales.

"The Italian business is very important to us and prices are going to be at least 20 percent down," said Larry Schechterman, divisional merchandise manager at Bloomingdale's. He praised Canali, who showed Monday, as "real fashion, not fleeting fashion."

Canali transformed the suit by using gradations of color and texture to form easy pieces — say a stone cashmere jacket and matching cords, with a beige moleskin vest. The color tones were from earth, air and water, using mud beige, earth browns and soft blues.

Bill Clinton is rumored to have bought a Canali suit for the inauguration. Canali's new-ideal suits were sharpish, double-breasted and single, always with cuffed pants — and a long way in cut and style from George Bush's signature sack suit.



Drawing by Anthony Tarassi for a cardigan in a mixture of jersey and wool stripes.



Robert Merloz: "I like poetic, fragile women, who don't push themselves forward." At right, his yellow suit with fitted cutaway jacket and gathered above-the-knee skirt.



Christopher Moore

A Romantic Look on the Left Bank

PARIS — With Claude Montana opposite and Inès de la Fressange around the corner, Robert Merloz opens his airy new Left Bank boutique next week. His arrival on Rue de Grenelle is part of the bounce-back of an area that was the height of fashion in 1968 — the year of student turbulence in France.

Merloz, 27, was a child in that angry era. But the light, whimsical clothes in his first collection and the boutique with its artistically crumbling cornices, its dance-studio feeling and daylight flooding in from five windows, are romantic.

"I like poetic, fragile women, who don't push themselves forward, and the concept of the boutique is the same," he says. "I wanted to create a feeling of a forgotten house that has been there for 200 years that you suddenly stumble across."

Merloz was plucked from Yves Saint Laurent's studio and backed by Pierre Bergé after formal training at the high-fashion school of the Chambre Syndicale and seven years at YSL, most recently designing fits. He says that fashion may now see furs as politically incorrect, but for him it was "a big chance, an opportunity to express myself in a free way." Fur, he says, the ecological arguments notwithstanding, is "something extravagant, beautiful and sensual."

There is nothing luxe or glossy about the clothes that go on sale in his new shop and at Barneys in New York. The silhouette is what the French call "jeune fille": petite, high-waisted, with a focus on the rounded bosom and the girlish dress, or with brief jackets and skirts breaking into an A-line shape below.

Merloz — who looks like a romantic poet with tumbling curls, a plaid tie, checked shirt, black jacket and red velvet pants — picks out from the collection dresses falling in a waterfall of crepe or a soft all-in-one pajama suit.

Prices at retail are at the lower end of the designer scale: a suit well under \$1,000 and dresses around \$400. Although the first show was presented six months ago during the July collections, which was surely a mistake, the new autumn-winter line will be shown at the big commercial exhibition at Porte de Versailles in the Atmosphère section, and at the St. James & Albany Hotel during the French ready-to-wear season in March.

Merloz will not be drawn on plans, grandiose or small-scale, for the future, saying that Bergé, who was behind the success of Yves Saint Laurent, is a director of the Robert Merloz company, but that "we are not grandchildren who have to go to grandpapa to ask for things." He is inevitably sensitive about linking his name to that of Yves Saint Laurent.

"I saw Monsieur Saint Laurent at fittings,"

and that is where I hope I have learned," he says. "I interested me very much to participate in the cut of a garment. In the studio I was an assistant, but with the fur, I was in front of the model with the toile corps à corps — body to body. That was fascinating."

IN spite of this background, the first Merloz collection is not based on cut, but rather on youthful clothes that in their pert, short-skirted way look like a typical French junior line. The more sophisticated styles are simple coats in the signature midnight blue that covers the boutique's frontage, and an asymmetric pixie-tunic worn with soft pants.

"I changed all the proportions, not cutting anything in at the waist, which I left free," says Merloz. "The belt is an accessory I just don't think about. And that look of jacket, blouse, belt and narrow skirt is just not my woman."

The love of Merloz's life is revealed in the big boutique, with its bleached wood floor and feeling of a Degas rehearsal room. "I am passionate about dance," he says, citing diverse recent productions from Peter Brook through Robert Wilson and Roland Petit. "The fragility of dancers and their way of moving is something that touches me."

Suzy Menkes

For Hearth and Home, Far-Flung Fabrics

PARIS — Fashionable Paris spent its weekend at home — not cocooned from the blustery winter weather, but visiting fairs devoted to furniture, antiques and fabrics. An Aladdin's cave of opulent fabrics in piquant room sets at the Grand Palais drew both pros and public to the Biennale des Editions de la Décoration 1993. The fine line between fashionable fabrics and

"Maison française" — the French house according to the rhythm of the seasons. The upscale fabric companies interpreted that to mean anything from a cozy chaise longue (toiles de Jouy being all the rage) to the heavy velvets and refectory tables of a gothic pile (another hot trend). For those chateaux planning on playing Marie Antoinette, the checked tablecloths of a French farmhouse kitchen were reinterpreted in feather-light wool (at Desjardins Guild) or Thai silk (from Jim Thompson).

The standout prints in the show were the medallions — a framed effect updated from the neoclassical and Directoire; the fairy-tale patterns à la toile de Jouy, and trompe l'oeil. The pictorial wallpaper reaches its zenith in Zuber's scenic panels, which it has used to inspire a new range of woodblock-printed fabrics introduced this season.

When does a vivid picture print become trompe l'oeil? The most striking example was Deschemaker's "Château de Famille" print — a trompe l'oeil of portraits, medals, swords and sag antlers on a background of red plush stripes. On the stand, antlers and gilded picture frames added to the zany effect.

The same spirit, in a more classical style, lay behind the many ceramic-inspired prints: Chinese ginger jars from Mannel Canovas; chinoiserie from Nina Campbell; Wedgwood cups and plates from Colefax & Fowler. Blue and white, along with sunshine yellow, came through as strong colors in this area.

There was a richer, darker splendor to Zumsteg's swags of marbled cotton and printed taffeta with Proustian names like Charlus and Guermantes. Passenterie Nouvelle — for all its room sets of monk's cloisters (complete with episcopal robe and stuffed mouse) — showed the ritziest of trimmings.

Yet there is a wind of change blowing in from Africa, to correspond to the growing feel for ecology and the ethnic.

"It's 20 percent African, but there are influences from all over the place — that is the strength of the Mediterranean region," said Jean-Pierre Demary, whose Souleido stand had stalls of stylized horses from the Camargue, bull heads from the world of *l'auvergnat* and wood sculptures from North Africa — corresponding to different styles of prints. The most striking of the new Provencal looks were a black and white leaf print traced on an earthy ground and mud-baked beige and white patterns inspired by the Camargue.

"Keeping the seeds in the cloth is

part of the new feeling for natural materials," said Tricia Guild of Designers Guild, showing a range of woven fabrics in neutral colors alongside plaids that would have been much too jazzy for Queen Victoria's Balmoral.

Examine had plunged deep into the forest, for leafy prints on a beige or brown ground that once again expressed an ecological and African feeling. For all the traditional richness of many of the Biennale fabrics, the swing seems to be away from opulent interiors and back to nature in far-flung places.

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Get Ukraine On Board

The just-completed treaty pledging dramatic reductions in nuclear arms could dispel fears of a devastating first strike forever. That puts America and Russia "at the threshold of a new world of hope," in President George Bush's words. Whether they cross that threshold, however, depends on Ukraine and other former republics that claimed title to nuclear weapons on their soil after the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Banning Chemical Arms

Poison gas is one of the ugliest and most indiscriminate weapons in the modern armory. In Paris, some 130 governments are to sign an agreement Wednesday to ban it worldwide. The Chemical Weapons Convention is a remarkable achievement, particularly in its drastic provisions for verification and inspection — precedents for other kinds of arms control treaties in the future.

Time Is on Egypt's Side

It has been quite a year on the plateau of Giza near Cairo, home of the Pyramids and the Sphinx, where a team of archaeologists cleaning the ancient wonders has racked up a string of spectacular discoveries about their hitherto mysterious birth. The excavators have found, among other things, the village where the pyramid-building workers were housed, the records of what they were paid and materials that lead to a reasonable hypothesis to solve the long-lasting conundrum of how the giant slabs were lifted into place.

There Goes the Prom

Comes now word that the future leader of the free world has reunited Fleetwood Mac to play at his inauguration. There are many things, including some countries, that have split up and need to be put back together. But the band — Mick Fleetwood, John McVie, Christine McVie, Lindsey Buckingham and Stevie Nicks — isn't one of them.

A Cambodia Failure Would Hurt the UN Everywhere

LONDON — The fate of United Nations peacekeeping has reached a defining moment. As evidence mounts that the largest and most comprehensive UN operation, the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia, or UNTAC, may be on the verge of failure, it becomes increasingly clear that serious damage will be done not only to the people of Cambodia but to the UN as a whole.

By Gerald Segal and Mats Berdal

The first problem is whether and how to get tough with the Khmer Rouge. Its Communist rebels have refused to submit to demobilization by the UN force and have denied its observers entry into areas they control. The scale of Khmer Rouge attacks on UN officials has increased sharply. Is this the time to call the Khmer Rouge bluff?

second problem: how to effectively carry out an agreed-on plan to close the Thai-Cambodian frontier, thus denying the Khmer Rouge supplies and profits from gem and timber trading. China has been surprisingly supportive of this embargo, but Thailand refuses to allow UN monitors near the frontier area.

ment, the Khmer Rouge will be more likely to win an ensuing struggle for power. The task of saving UNTAC is daunting. It has been useful, to be sure, in repatriating roughly half the 370,000 Cambodian refugees in Thailand. But having done so, the Thai incentive to cooperate with the UN authority is much reduced.

risks of a wider war in Indochina. Damage would also be done to the prestige of Japan, and to any hope of Tokyo becoming a permanent member of the UN Security Council. Unless the major powers act quickly to shore up the UN authority in Cambodia, serious damage would be done to the notion that the UN can be an effective instrument for ensuring stability and security in today's world.

Clinton Should Go Beyond This Post-Everything Era

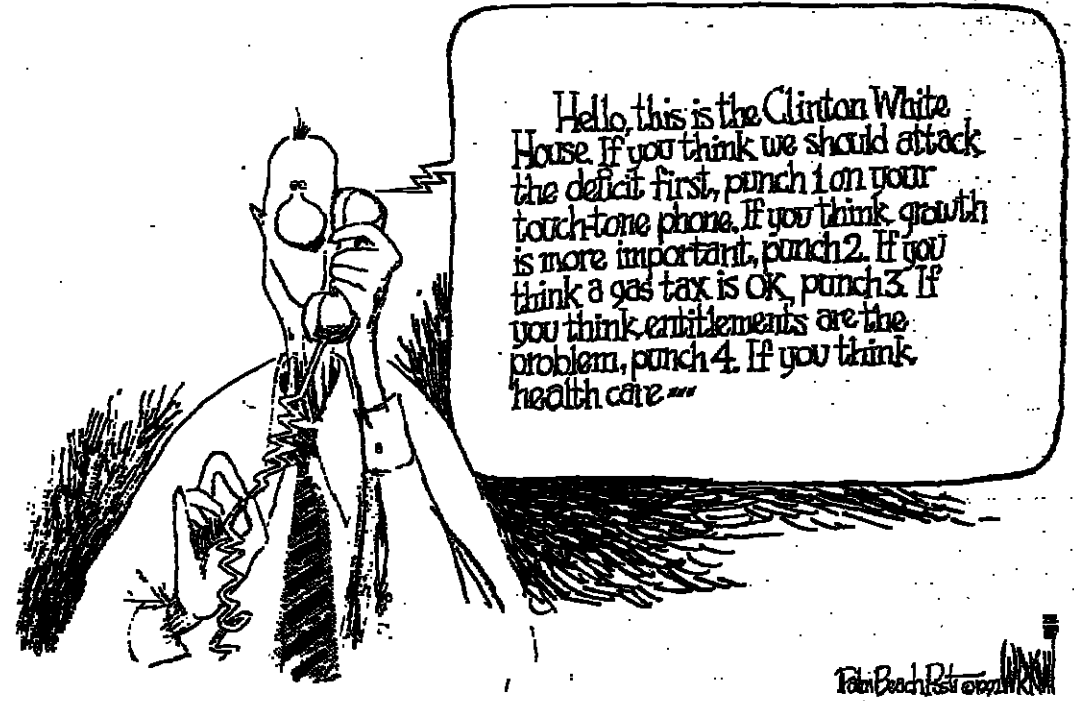
By E. J. Dionne Jr.

WASHINGTON — The good news and the bad news for President-elect Bill Clinton is that he is taking power at a time when what we think of as "the West" is haunted by the specter of an intellectual vacuum. No, there is no shortage of smart folks thinking smart things. What is lacking are unifying ideas.

not answer that to answer them yourself. It is easier for Bill Clinton not to be George Bush or Ronald Reagan or Jimmy Carter than it is for him to define what Bill Clinton is. In another time, Mr. Clinton might adopt pure pragmatism and make it up as he went along, but that will not work now.

Through most of history, the world has been too complicated for grand strategies to be very useful. We are at such a juncture again, and we should be glad for it. If the price of clear foreign policy thinking is having to face Nazis and Stalinists with a lot of weapons, I will take muddle.

In other words, Americans want a sense of national morale that comes only from the conviction that the country's leaders are operating on the basis of compelling principles and ideas. Mr. Clinton, who loves to talk, may be pleased to know that what he says might thus prove almost as important as what he does.



A Muffled Battle Cry in a Worthy War

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — During last year's campaign, it became known as the Speech He Never Gave. It was a speech on "entrepreneurial government," a new way of organizing the bureaucracy to cut down on wasteful spending and excessive staffing — and improve the delivery of services.

reocracy and, most important, getting the citizens better results. That sounds like Republican talk; in fact, both Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan started such efforts. But they stalled far short of success, stymied by the suspicion in Congress, state legislatures and city halls that these conservatives were just seeking to sabotage vital social services.

To Refloat Haiti, Push the Coup Regime Overboard

By Jean-Bertrand Aristide The writer is the exiled president of Haiti.

WASHINGTON — The fear that the United States will be overrun by Haitian refugees should not blind Americans to the continuing human-rights abuses in my country and to the necessity of restoring democracy. Constitutional government remains the only solution to Haiti's crisis and the only way to keep waves of refugees from heading for America.

The rate of increase in human-rights violations is matched only by the rapid growth of Haiti's drug trade. Drug trafficking has increased significantly since the coup, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. It is no coincidence that many of the officers suspected to be involved in drug trafficking were also a part of the coup.

The weakness of the embargo is a function of political will and not financial ability. If ships can be launched to stop the boat people, then the tankers of oil and goods that fuel the coup regime can be interdicted. When the coup regime realizes that the United States and the international community is willing to use its formidable powers to assist in the restoration of democracy, it will be forced to step aside.

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OPINION

Don't Bet on Gambling To Pick Up Those Tabs

By William Safire

BETHESDA, Maryland — A pernicious philosophy of something-for-nothing is sweeping the country. Politicians push state-sponsored gambling to blick the poor while publishers back lotteries to deceive the public. Here in the Democratic-dominated state of Maryland, Governor William ("Bet While You Booze") Schaefer has been visiting restaurants with bars to tout his solution to budget-balancing: Keno, a numbers game under state auspices that entices patrons to stare at a television screen above the bar and try their luck. The governor is putting the power of his office behind the exploitation of a human weakness. It raises money for worthy purposes, he maintains, firmly placing the ends before the means — and besides, people gamble anyway. On that theory, why not State of Maryland Official Brothels? People patronize prostitutes anyway, so why not cut out the middleman and have the state run the enterprise? Libertarians like me believe that gambling should be decriminalized, regulated and taxed — but certainly not encouraged by public policy. We do not want to see our governors out there hustling customers to do what is manifestly against their economic interests. Gubernatorial shilling is wrong. Fortunately for Marylanders, no Indian reservations are in the state. The Supreme Court has held that when a state sponsors gambling, it cannot deny the lucrative activity to tribes within its borders. As a result, American Indian leaders have joined up with corporate hustlers to erect glitzy casinos on reservations. Like Mr. Schaefer, they insist that the purported end (lifting Native Americans out of poverty) justifies the seamy means (preying on the suckers of other cultures while corrupting their own). When the likelihood of corruption was broached in this space a year ago, American Indian leaders and their partners' lawyers complained. Now we have a report from the inspector general of the Interior Department charging that "over \$12 million may have been diverted from tribes to operators and suppliers, principally because of theft and mismanagement." Interior shly names no names. But to get an idea of the profit potential in the industry spawned by state-sponsored gambling, flip through the 1992 annual report of Grand Casinos Inc. The promoter, Lyle Berman of Minneapolis, boasts that 2 million visitors have come to the home of the Ojibwe Indians, where 1,400 video slot machines now grace Minnesota's premium gaming lake. Why are the holy Satorwarolas not up in arms against the enslavement of something-for-nothing by so many state legislatures? Because many publishers are eager participants in the sweepstakes frenzy. If you have not received a bulky envelope announcing that you are a



Little Rock vs. Big Rock

"finalist" in the Publishers Clearing House \$10 million sweepstakes, you may be a demographically dead American. Breathless TV spots hype the promotion; local media outlets cover the winners (never the millions of losers) as news. Although the notice that "no purchase is necessary to enter and win" appears on the back of one of the so-called certificates, that federal requirement is cunningly circumvented by the headline "An Order Gets You Express Entry." The dodge: "If your entry comes in on time with at least one Order Coupon on it, we'll automatically enter you in every contest." The clear implication: If you buy a magazine, your contest entry — your impossible dream — gets preferential treatment. And if you don't buy, the promoters warn, you may not get another lottery entry. Such august publications as Time, Newsweek, U.S. News, Forbes, Reader's Digest and Golf Digest sell subscriptions this way. No editor rebels publicly in distaste. Why? Because too many state governors and powerful publishers go along. Unless curbed by public revulsion, the insidious propagation of something-for-nothing will explode into its next phase: Keno on a sub-notebook computer, a state-sponsored casino in your coat pocket, a slot machine in your children's jeans. The truth is that nothing is for nothing. Hard work, talent, merit will win you something. Reliance on luck, playing the sucker, will make you a loser all your life. The New York Times.

Of Becky, a Shack, Southerners and Bill

By Tracy Thompson

WASHINGTON — One of my earliest memories is of following my grandfather in the field as he plowed with his mule. Becky. It was about 1960; I would have been 5 or 6. The crab apple trees were blooming; it was late in the day. My feet can still feel the moist chunks of reddish Georgia clay, the chill that seeped out of the ground as if winter were yielding to spring between my toes. I maintain a collection of such mental artifacts, all defined by temperature, topography, vegetation, a particular slant of light. The weight of the summer air; the hallucinatory, omnipresent clatter of cicadas in July; the heavy, fruity scent of muscadines in October. It's all very beautiful, and yet I am vaguely ashamed of it. And that, I think, sums up what it means to be a Southerner of the baby boom generation, a group that includes our next president. Why am I ashamed? Because I know that though the image is lovely, there is something in it that is not: the dirty shack in the background, home to a succession of black tenants who worked for my grandparents. The region and era I am from produced a generation imprinted by these divided emotions, equal parts shame and sentiment. Old enough to define ourselves by our place of birth, we are too young to have known the worst of its racist legacy. We are, for the most part, an educated and affluent group. Yet many of us are only one generation removed from people who were poor and uneducated and who knew it, and who masked their bitterness with regional chauvinism.

tion of Bill Clinton. He's from Arkansas, but he was a Rhodes scholar. He comes from a dinky little Southern town and talks with an accent sometimes but he went to Yale. Now am I alone in this. "I have to admit that one of the reasons I voted for Clinton is that he is from the South," said my South Carolina friend. "And the reason I am convinced he will screw up is that he is from the South." Southerners are provincial, dumb, racist, snake-handling religious zealots — the stereotypes sting so much because they contain a grain of truth. We are all those things. And we are more. We are people who have been given the gift of self-knowledge. White

white Southerners are racists, but I have more news for her: When it comes to public perceptions, she and those white Southerners are, to some extent, in the same boat. The question boils down to this: Can we carry this regional identity without feeling this vague, pervasive defensiveness — or do we chuck it altogether? I have a feeling that the question is still a moot one. The Southern sense of identity is stubborn and illogical. Two stories sum this up. One has to do with the old Confederate who lived in Atlanta during Reconstruction, who used to taunt the Union soldiers on the street. "You may have won the war," he'd say, "but we sure whipped your ass at Chickamauga." The irate soldiers hauled him to their commander, who berated the old man and made him swear out a loyalty oath to the United States of America. The next day, the old man was back on the street. When the Union soldiers walked by, he was ready. "We may have won the war," he yelled, "but the Rebels sure whipped our ass at Chickamauga!" Then there is the story the historian Shelby Foote tells about a Confederate soldier taken prisoner during the Civil War. His interrogators noted that he was dirt poor and had no vested interest in preserving the Southern slave economy. The Union soldiers were fighting to preserve the Union and abolish slavery, they said: what was he fighting for? "I'm fighting because you're down here," the soldier said. Ah, well. The land he was fighting on is covered with asphalt and Wal-Mart's now. Still, underneath all that asphalt is the land I remember from childhood, and it still matters to me that I come from there. That's why, on election night, when Mr. Clinton came out on the steps of the statehouse in Little Rock to make his acceptance speech, I found myself thinking about my grandfather and the mule. It seems as if it happened on another planet, in another lifetime. But it's part of who I am. I would be willing to bet there is a mule in the new president's memory, too, or something like it, and something like that dirty old shack in the background. It is a picture of lovelessness and pain. It is illuminating and humbling. And maybe that is a good thing in a new leader. The Washington Post.

MEANWHILE

Southerners of my generation were asked, early in life, to look into the ugly mirror of racial intolerance and see themselves. When I was a child, our family dentist in Fairburn, Georgia, had a front door and a back door to his office. On the back door, now bare, there was a faded spot where a sign had evidently been for many years. You could still tell what the sign had said: Colored. Somewhere, in my child's mind, I filed that observation away for future reference. The issue did not crystallize for me until a moment in 1964 when a bunch of us kids were arguing at the bus stop over who should be president, Barry Goldwater or Lyndon Johnson, and one of us uttered the word "nigger." I turned and saw behind me Lovett and Roberta Strozier, who lived in my grandparents' shack. I will never forget the carefully blank look on their faces. The person who had said that word was me. Money cannot buy that kind of lesson about bigotry. And so I am defensive when I encounter people who assume I haven't learned it. Recently, a newspaper column quoted a black woman who had found herself stranded with a desperately ill husband on a rural Georgia road. The locals were very kind, she reported, even though "these were deep-Southern white people, the kind you'd think wouldn't consider helping some black folks." It was news to this lady that not all

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Russia Need Not Fail

The Washington Post editorial "Yes, Keep Helping Russia" (Dec. 29) says that the "West continues to have an invaluable opportunity to exert its influence." We are only worried that this opportunity is being ignored. Throughout Russia, and particularly in St. Petersburg, the present regime, in open contradiction to its international obligations, is still barring hundreds of would-be emigrants from leaving, on absurd allegations of state secrecy. We agree that the West should help, but we would insist the help be tied to the proviso that agreements already freely entered into must be honored. The United Nations human rights charter must not be violated; freedom of belief, speech and movement must be ensured.

MARGARET RIGAL, Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry, Longfot.

Former President Richard Nixon's apocalyptic view of Russia screams of the paranoia we have come to expect from this old Cold Warrior ("The West Will Pay if Boris Yeltsin Falls," Opinion, Nov. 20). Mr. Nixon would have us believe a country that cannot feed its people under democracy would re-emerge as a global threat under rejuvenated Soviet totalitarianism. Such doomsday scenarios have served the U.S. military-industrial complex well for nearly half a century; should democracy fail in Russia, I'm sure they will again.

FRED L. WYMORE, Basel, Switzerland.

Dealing With China

Now that the Bush administration has done its last kowtow in Beijing, it is time to look at what can be expected from Bill Clinton. After a promising start in the campaign, it now seems that he sees China as less deserving of censure. Obviously China has done something in the last few weeks to indicate that it is a more responsible member of the community of nations! Well, it has not renounced the threat of invasion of Taiwan, it has not given Tibet back to the Dalai Lama and it has not stopped the persecution of Christians in China.

There are, however, some things it has done. It has reiterated the Chinese claim to exclusive sovereignty over the Spratly Islands with the implicit threat of military action to enforce that claim. Prime Minister Li Peng said that the claim would be settled between China and Vietnam and that Beijing would brook no interference by outside parties. This despite the fact that the islands are also claimed by numerous other Asian nations.

The hierarchy of the People's Liberation Army has been purged of progressive thinkers who considered that the army should be an army of the state. They have been replaced by more ideologically sound generals who, propagandist editorials proclaim, will ensure that the army is the army of the party.

There is no need to recount the tirade of abuse and outright interference in the internal affairs of Hong Kong by ill-mannered government functionaries in Beijing.

PHILLIP DAVIES, Montreux, Switzerland.

Just as China has dished up more of the same in recent weeks, it looks like the Clinton administration will continue appeasement of Beijing in the years to come, appeasement of the people who Sir Percy Cradock said "were thugs, are thugs and always will be thugs." LEIGHTON JOHANNESSEN, Hong Kong.

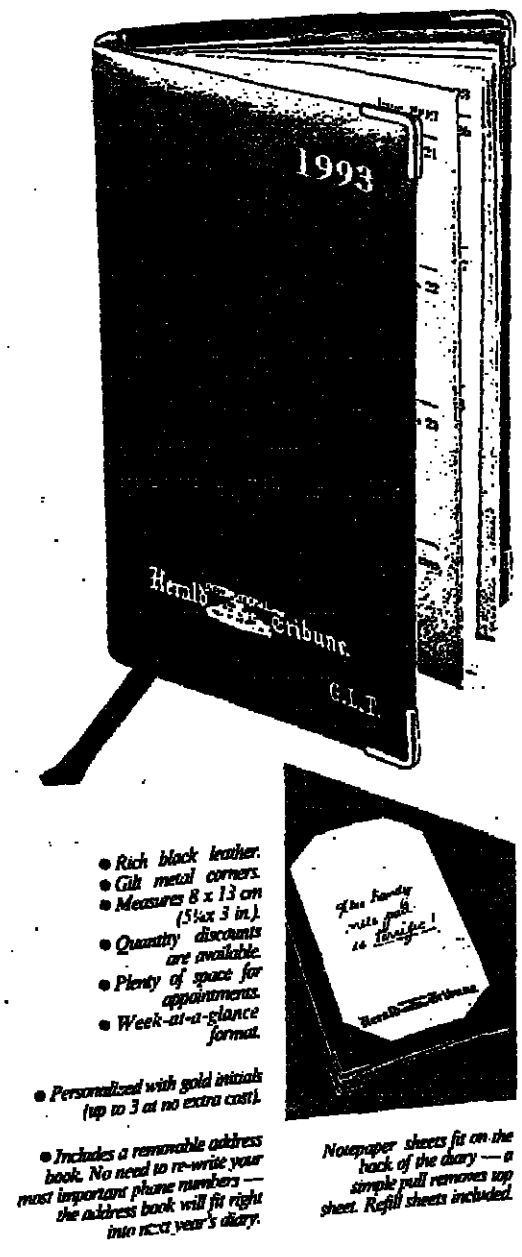
Having been to China on numerous occasions, both on business and pleasure, it is always interesting to read articles about that country by supposedly knowledgeable journalists. A. M. Rosenthal obviously knows China better than I do, especially the "terror, torture and slave labor" he must have witnessed firsthand ("A Cynical Voyage by China's Appeasers," Opinion, Dec. 19). Mr. Rosenthal does not like China nor its cheap products, and he is entitled to his opinion. But calling the Chinese rulers "tough old killers" is not going to improve U.S.-Chinese relations.

China is an authoritarian state trying to bring a certain prosperity to its billion-plus population. Things are far from perfect, but with guidance and cooperation from the West, China will slowly "democratize" itself.

Every country has its problems to solve; each uses the methods open to it. Unless there is absolute proof of deeds below any form of human decency, then the world would be better off preaching less and practicing more.

PHILLIP DAVIES, Montreux, Switzerland.

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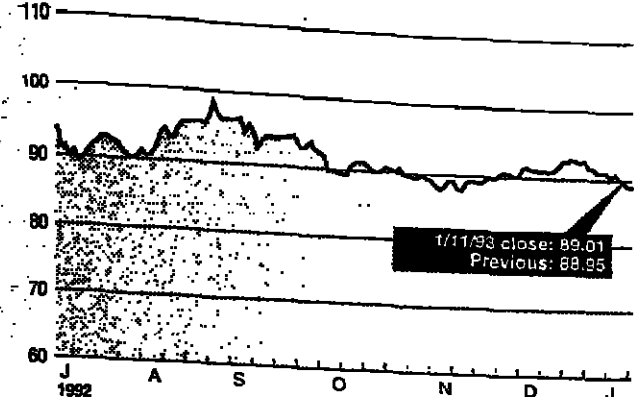
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Tandy Plans A Split Into 2 Firms

By Brandon Mitchener
International Herald Tribune
FRANKFURT — Italy began a major foreign borrowing for the first time in two years on Monday in an effort to replenish its reserves and restore investor confidence following its devaluation during last September's currency crisis.

Italy Tests Its Marketability With Bond

The 4 billion Deutsche mark (\$2.4 billion) five-year issue, part of a broad \$10 billion to \$15 billion international borrowing program for 1993, is intended to pave the way for an eventual return of the lira to the European exchange-rate mechanism by replenishing the Bank of Italy's reserves, Mario Draghi, director general of the Italian Treasury, said at a news conference here.

markets since February 1991, and the first time it has issued debt denominated in marks, which Mr. Draghi said "has to do with the size and positive development of this market as well as the soundness of the currency."

repay in full the debts of the failed state holding company EFIM. Officials at Deutsche Bank AG, which is managing the Eurobond issue, and bond dealers reported good early demand for the Italian issue, although it came at a stiff price.

EC Snubs U.S. Offer On GATT Industrial Goods Focus of Dispute

BRUSSELS — A U.S. offer on market access for industrial products under the Uruguay Round of GATT talks does not go far enough, an EC Commission spokesman said Monday.

The spokesman said the U.S. offer, which had been received during the weekend, "does not go as far as the EC had sought, referring to the list of tariff cuts proposed by the commission on behalf of the Community last month."

Bundesbank Official Sees Policy Constraints

WURZBURG, Germany — The future of the Deutsche mark, and with it the Bundesbank's strict monetary policy, depend on factors outside the central bank's control, Oskar Issing, a director of the central bank, said Monday.

means of lowering the budget deficit stemming from renunciation. Fiscal policy "must use its own means to solve its problems," said Mr. Issing, the Bundesbank's chief economist.

European monetary union, however, can be achieved only if each country achieves monetary stability, he said. The Bundesbank's stable money policy and its political independence should guide the statutes of a future European central bank, he added.

The stores that will be closed will be among the 413 outlets in Tandy's Name Brand Retail Group. The shake-up is not expected to affect the 7,000 Radio Shack neighborhood stores.

(UPI, AP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

Clinton Aides Still Favor Short-Term Stimulus

WASHINGTON — Despite predictions of larger U.S. budget deficits and despite the recent pickup in economic growth, President Bill Clinton's economic team is still leaning toward a short-term deficit spending plan to create jobs, according to several advisers.

Leon E. Panetta, who was nominated to be the White House budget director, said that any stimulus package was likely to be closer to \$20 billion than \$60 billion.

40 percent chance of having one," said one adviser. These advisers noted that the strong growth in consumer spending in recent months could fade because it is galloping ahead so much faster than growth in disposable income.

INTERNATIONAL STOCKS

Hong Kong Market Seems To Be Taking Heart Again

By Sheryl WuDunn
New York Times Service
HONG KONG stock market, whose stellar performance was interrupted by a bout of political worries in December, seems to be starting the new year off right. Hong Kong's economy is expected to remain buoyant as it prepares to enter the Year of the Rooster, mostly on the coattails of China's economic boom, and some analysts expect the market to set records again.

EC Economic Indicator At Lowest in a Decade

BRUSSELS — Economic confidence in the European Community has dropped to levels last seen at the trough of recession in 1982, the EC Commission said Monday.

viewed the level of export orders as very unsatisfactory. "Foreign business has recently been further damaged by the turmoil on currency markets," the report said. "Given the sluggishness of growth in the world economy, foreign business will not improve in the short term."

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

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MARKET DIARY

Battered Blue Chips Make a Comeback

NEW YORK — Rebounds in some hard-hit blue chips and a firming in Treasury bond prices lifted U.S. stocks out of a two-day slump on Monday...

N.Y. Stocks

shares also helped the market rise. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 11.08 points to 3,627.75...

Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 1.90 at 430.95. Advancing issues outpaced losers by a 10-to-7 margin...

Elsewhere, the Nasdaq composite index climbed 5.19 points to a record high of 682.40.

"The fact that the bond market has stabilized has helped" stocks, said Peter Canelo, chief investment strategist at NatWest Securities.

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IBM was next, rebounding from its recent slump to rise 1 1/4 to 47 1/2. Eastman Kodak soared 3 1/4 to 45 after the company named Christopher J. Steffen...

Novell gained 1 1/4 to 31 1/4, and Apple Computer Inc. leapt 1 1/2 to 64 1/4 amid the rally in high-techology issues.

Merck rose 3/4 to 43 1/4 after announcing plans to buy back another \$1 billion of its stock.

Boeing, hurt by news that Japan Airlines Co. plans to delay delivery of some 747 airplanes, dropped 3/8 to 38 1/4.

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Ebbing Gulf Tension Lets Air Out of Dollar

NEW YORK — The dollar fell Monday as tensions in the Gulf eased and disappointment over U.S. employment levels prompted investors to book profits.

The dollar closed at 1.6340 Deutsche marks in New York, down more than a penny from 1.6475 DM on Friday.

The dollar closed at 125.155 yen, down slightly from 125.385 yen at the close of last week.

Foreign Exchange

1,4920 Swiss francs, down from 1,5025, and at 5,5245 French francs, down from 5,6050.

"Nothing really materialized" in terms of confrontation with Iraq over the weekend, said Alfonso Alejo, assistant vice president at Mitsui Taiyo Kobe Bank.

The Pentagon said Iraq had complied with much of the ultimatum to clear surface-to-air missiles from the no-fly zone in southern Iraq.

Lingering disappointment over U.S. employment report last Friday also weighed on the dollar.

report showed the economy gained just 64,000 jobs in December. "The number that came out Friday was somewhat disappointing and it took the wind out of everyone's sails," said Guy Standing...

The pound made more inroads against the dollar and the mark as investors concluded that most of the bad news in Britain had probably arrived, traders said.

The pound closed at 2.5377 DM, up from 2.5353 DM on Friday.

In London trading of European currencies, the beleaguered Irish punt staggered through another day and the French franc enjoyed a respite from speculators.

The punt, which had started the day perilously close to its floor in the exchange-rate mechanism, pulled clear of the danger zone to about 54.30 Belgian francs and 2,995 Dutch guilders toward the end of European trading.

The Irish currency was given a helping hand by punitive money market rates of up to 100 percent.

The French franc traded in late afternoon at 3.40 to the mark, the same as Friday evening.

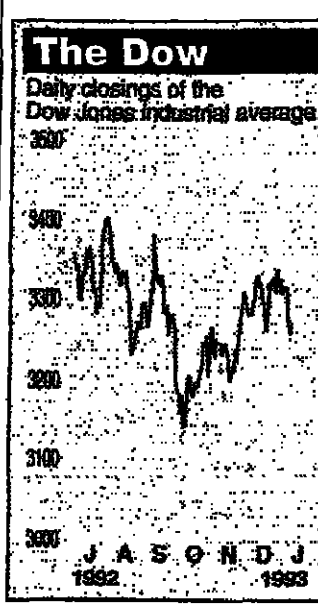


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Kodak Hires An Expert on Turnarounds

By Barnaby J. Feder New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The troubled Eastman Kodak Co. broke with tradition Monday and named Christopher J. Steffen, an outsider with a reputation as a turnaround specialist, as chief financial officer.

The photography giant based in Rochester, New York, had announced last September that Paul L. Smith would be retiring from that post next month.

The appointment resolves the mystery created when Mr. Steffen, 50, surprised Wall Street just before Christmas by resigning as chief financial and administrative officer at Honeywell Inc.

Mr. Steffen's popularity on Wall Street was reaffirmed Monday as Kodak's stock rose \$3.25 to \$45 on the New York Stock Exchange.

"You don't bring in a guy like this unless you are going to listen to him," said B. Alex Henderson at Prudential Bache Securities. "So far, they've had a lot of restructuring with little to show for it. If they can achieve half of what he did at Honeywell, it will really help."

Mr. Steffen said he had been approached by Kodak and several other companies last fall. He will start at Kodak on Feb. 8.

Mr. Steffen had been recruited to Honeywell in 1989 from Chrysler Corp., where he rose to vice president and controller in eight years.

Mr. Steffen's experience as a turnaround expert and his discussions with Kodak had centered on asset deployment and strategy, rather than financial discipline.

Chrysler Plans \$1 Billion Stock Issue

HIGHLAND PARK, Michigan (Reuters) — Chrysler Corp. taking advantage of its soaring share price, announced Monday that it would increase its common equity by 14 percent with a stock offering that is likely to raise more than \$1 billion.

In separate testimony to the No. 3 U.S. automaker's improving condition, the credit services Moody's and Standard & Poor's both said they were raising their ratings on \$15 billion in senior debt of Chrysler and Chrysler Financial Corp. The upgrades leave the securities still two notches below investment grade, however.

Chrysler filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement for a public offering of up to 46 million new common shares, compared with the 295 million shares outstanding. No price was given. Chrysler's stock, which closed at \$36.375 Monday, has risen sharply from around \$12 a little less than a year ago.

Sunbeam-Oster Dismisses CEO

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (UPI) — Sunbeam-Oster Co.'s stock dropped Monday after the appliance maker's board dismissed its top executive and majority stockholder in a surprise move.

Sunbeam-Oster told Paul B. Kazarian over the weekend that the board had relieved him of his duties as chairman, chief executive and president. Mr. Kazarian, 37, had led Japonica Partners, the investor group that took Allegheny International Inc. out of Chapter 11 protection in 1990 and renamed it Sunbeam-Oster. Mr. Kazarian owns three-quarters of the stock, which fell 87.5 cents to \$15.875 a share.

Salomon Trader's Plea Bargain Fails

NEW YORK (AP) — A plea agreement between federal prosecutors and the former Salomon Brothers chief bond trader, Paul Mozer, collapsed during a hearing in federal court Monday as attorneys could not agree on the scope of the document.

Mr. Mozer had agreed to plead guilty to two counts of making false statements to the government about unauthorized bids directed at a Treasury auction Feb. 21, 1991. The judge refused to accept the deal after Mr. Mozer's lawyer contended it would bar the Justice Department from bringing antitrust charges against Mr. Mozer, and the prosecutor disagreed.

Gulf Investors Shuffle Saks Stake

MANAMA, Bahrain (Reuters) — United Saudi Commercial Bank said Monday it bought a \$100 million stake in Saks Fifth Avenue for Saudi investors including the bank chairman, Prince Waheed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz.

Bank officials said the stake represented more than 11 percent of the \$900 million book value of the Ishtar retailer. They said United Saudi bought the stake on Dec. 22 from the Bahrain-based Investcorp Bank EC.

For the Record

Sony Music Entertainment Inc. and Warner Music Group, a unit of Time Warner Inc., said they would jointly own and operate two direct-marketing businesses in the United States and Germany. (Reuters)

Weekend Box Office

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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PLAN: Short-Term Jolt Is Weighed

(Continued from first finance page) short-term stimulus package with a plan to cut the deficit long-term.

Pushing forward with stimulus package is expected to have political benefits for Mr. Clinton. It will show him vigorously pushing to fulfill his campaign promises to do something about the economy.

Indeed, some economists called the likely short-term plan "cosmetic fiscal stimulus," saying it would be so small — less than one-half of 1 percent of total U.S. economic output — that it would have far more political effect than economic effect.

At Mr. Clinton's economic conference in Little Rock last month, James Tobin, a Yale economics professor and winner of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics, urged Mr. Clinton to spur the economy with 500 billion more in deficit spending this year.

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Stockholm Moves To Reduce Deficit

STOCKHOLM — Finance Minister Anne Wibble proposed sharp cuts in the soaring cost of unemployment benefits on Monday in an attempt to stop Sweden's budget deficit from spinning out of control.

The announced reductions in compensation for unemployment, job-creation and training programs and work injury, despite forecasting a jobless rate approaching 7 percent of the work force.

"The Swedish economy is in the throes of a deep recession," Mrs. Wibble told parliament.

Sweden's generosity to developing countries and its spending on defense and pensions also fell victim to the economic crisis.

State spending in the fiscal year starting next July will be 520.7 billion kronor (\$70.4 billion) on falling income of only 358.4 billion kronor, leaving a shortfall of 162.3 billion.

The current year's budget deficit is expected to reach a record 198.3 billion kronor.

Repayments on Sweden's national debt alone will account for 95 billion kronor next fiscal year, according to the budget.

New savings worth 11.9 billion kronor announced Monday included a 4.7 billion kronor cut in unemployment payments and 2.1 billion kronor less on job-creation projects and work training.

The government had already announced net savings of 4.9 billion

kronor for the next budget year, bringing the total to 16.8 billion kronor.

The opposition Social Democratic leader, Ingvar Carlsson, condemned the budget, accusing the rightist-led coalition government of giving up the struggle for economic growth, full employment and sound state finance.

Jan Wachmeister, leader of the New Democracy Party, also sharply criticized the government, accusing it of mismanaging the economy.

Mrs. Wibble said Sweden intended to return to a fixed exchange rate for the krona, which has depreciated by about 20 percent since being allowed to float on Nov. 19.

The krona's fall in value means a lower standard of living for the whole country," Mrs. Wibble said. "Nobody can be allowed to compensate himself for this at another person's cost."

Apart from a strong rise in exports, largely due to lower prices stemming from devaluation, budget forecasts were gloomy.

As well as an increase in the jobless rate, gross domestic product is expected to slow in 1993 for the third year in a row, rising by 1.6 percent in 1994.

Inflation, which has gradually fallen from double digits to an annual rate of 2.3 percent in November, is expected to rise to 4.9 percent next year, partly because of higher import prices, before falling to 2.9 percent in 1994.

Ratings Cut On Banks In Sweden

NEW YORK — Moody's Investors Service said Monday it cut the long-term ratings of major Swedish banks, including Nordbanken AB, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken and Svenska Handelsbanken AB, because of the "highly adverse" economic climate there.

"In particular, limited trading activities and stock loan demand will constrain revenues," Moody's said. "At the same time, loan-loss provisions and the drag of nonperforming assets will continue to depress operating results."

The rating agency said a measure passed by the Swedish parliament in December to ensure that banks and other credit institutions could meet their commitments appeared sufficient to protect creditors over the medium term, but was not a permanent guarantee.

"Consequently, over the longer term, creditors will have to look to institutions' underlying fundamentals," it said.

Moody's cut its senior debt ratings on Nordbanken and SE Banken by two notches, to A2 from Aa3, and on Svenska Handelsbanken by one notch, to A1 from Aa3.

Moody's also cut the long-term ratings of Swedish bank, Spintab AB and SBAB.

A Leaner Era Dawns at Volkswagen

BONN — A landmark board meeting at Volkswagen AG on Wednesday is expected to usher in a new era at Europe's largest carmaker as the longstanding and increasingly pressing problem of high domestic costs is tackled.

Rarely has the outcome of a meeting at Volkswagen been so eagerly awaited by analysts as Wednesday's extraordinary session of the supervisory board, when the new management board chairman, Ferdinand Piech, is expected to reveal new strategies.

Months of market rumors reached a new peak last week and trading positions were adjusted. Volkswagen shares were the market's most actively traded on Friday, and on Monday they rose 2 Deutsche marks to 256.50 DM (\$155.55) in a broadly higher German auto sector.

Details of Mr. Piech's plan are closely guarded, but it is clear that they include a cut in the company's global investment program.

Analysts hope that Mr. Piech, who took over from Chairman Carl Hahn on Jan. 1, will also accelerate job cuts. "The key problem has been identified as over-manning at Wolfsburg," said Bob Barber, analyst at James Capel.

Failure in the past to cut costs at Wolfsburg, where some 60,000 jobs are based, is blamed on strategic choices and on the influence of unions and major owners.

Investor's Europe

Frankfurt DAX	London FTSE 100 Index	Paris CAC 40
1850	2850	2550
1750	2750	2450
1650	2650	2350
1550	2550	2250
1450	2450	2150

Exchange	Index	Monday Close	Prev. Close	% Change
Amsterdam	CBS Trend	96.00	96.00	-0.62
Brussels	Stock Index	5,636.50	5,629.60	+0.12
Frankfurt	DAX	1,531.96	1,531.52	+0.03
Frankfurt	FAZ	602.29	602.72	-0.07
Helsinki	HEX	888.26	905.04	-1.86
London	Financial Times 30	2,150.30	2,176.80	-1.22
London	FTSE 100	2,773.40	2,799.20	-0.92
Madrid	General Index	221.00	220.20	+0.36
Milan	MI	951.00	1,009.00	-1.78
Paris	CAC 40	1,814.58	1,852.63	-2.05
Stockholm	Affaersvaerden	1,073.01	1,083.41	-0.96
Vienna	Stock Index	338.23	340.07	-0.54
Zurich	SBS	678.70	685.10	-0.93

Very briefly:

- TI Group PLC's unit Dowry Woodville Polymer is probably under investigation by the U.S. Defense Department in connection with the pricing of components for the B1-B bomber, TI said.
- Hanson PLC's U.S. arm, Hanson Industries, is in discussions with Santa Fe Pacific Corp. to make a \$500 million swap of Hanson's Gold Fields Mining Co. for Santa Fe's coal and quarry assets.
- Alcatel-CIT is to supply India with its first data-transmission network, to link 50 big Indian companies starting next June.
- Lagarde Groupe, formed from the merger of MMB and Arjel SA, said that as a result of transactions involved in the merger, stakes in it were acquired by a number of companies including General Electric Co. of Britain, Daimler-Benz and Clivest, a unit of Credit Lyonnais.
- Siemens AG is to meet with Skoda Plzen AS of the Czech Republic to discuss cooperation in the transportation business.
- Hegenseyer NV of the Netherlands, 60 percent owned by Hong Kong's First Pacific Co., is buying the Australian photographic-equipment distributor Kayell Pty. for an undisclosed sum.
- Credit Suisse said it had expected the decisions of Standard & Poor's Corp. and Moody's Investor Services Inc. to place its long-term credit rating on review for possible downgrade because of parent CS Holdings' proposed acquisition of Swiss Volksbank. (AFP, Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg)

Finnish Bank Aid Plan to Hit Equity Values

HELSINKI — The Finnish government plans to insist on significant write-offs of equity values for the nation's ailing banks in return for increased state support, a Finance Ministry official said Monday.

Under the new plan, the nominal value of a bank's shares would be cut in proportion to the amount of state support the bank received, the official said. "They could be cut up to 50 percent," he said, "but further cuts would need careful consideration."

Finland's television reported that Finance Minister Iiro Viinanen said the reductions in share values would occur in the next few months. He reportedly excluded a total write-off of share values.

The government last week proposed to provide 30 billion markkas (\$5.5 billion) more in assistance for the banking industry on top of the 20 billion markkas already granted. The opposition, which can effectively block the package, has demanded that the state get compensation for its support. (Reuters, AFP)

Tomkins Profit Advances 8% in A Tough Market

LONDON — Tomkins PLC, the conglomerate that has just acquired the baker Ranks Hovis McDougall, said Monday that its half-year pretax profit had risen a slim 7.6 percent as business conditions remained difficult.

Tomkins stock fell 11 pence to 247 pence after it reported £47.1 million (\$72.1 million) profit for the six months ended Oct. 31, the first half of its financial year. Revenue fell 3.2 percent to £575.5 million.

Tomkins operates mainly in the United States and Britain. Hardest hit by the slump were Tomkins' conveyor contracting units in the United States, where sales fell sharply. Murray Ohio cycles and mowers sold well, while a strong rise in exports of Smith & Wesson guns offset weak U.S. demand, the company said.

Britain's economy remains "particularly weak," Tomkins said, with faster distribution and Pegler Hattersley valves bearing the brunt. But it said opportunities offered by the £950 million purchase of Ranks Hovis, plus cost-cutting and the lower pound, meant Tomkins would "deliver a full-year result in line with the demanding expectations of shareholders." (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Trafalgar House Warns Of No Early Turnaround

LONDON — Trafalgar House PLC said Monday it believed business had reached a low point in 1992 but cautioned that it saw no sign of recovery in its key markets this year.

"We do not foresee an upturn in activity in 1993, particularly as the engineering and construction industries, which lag the economic cycle, are clearly entering a period of more difficult trading conditions," Chairman Alan Clements told shareholders at the annual meeting.

He said recent cuts in British interest rates and the dollar's rise should benefit shipping, hotels and property, but warned it would "take some time to restore the group's fortunes to acceptable levels."

Trafalgar House last month reported a pretax loss of £30.3 million (\$46.7 million) in the year ended Sept. 30, 1992, and took a charge of £138.0 million to write down real estate holdings.

Mr. Clements reiterated the group's plan to concentrate on engineering and construction and reduce its exposure to property.

He also said Trafalgar's Cunard Lines held its position in the cruise industry and was considering various options, including management contracts and joint ventures, to expand. (Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg)

BOND: Big DM Issue Will Test Italy's Marketability

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return to the international debt market be a success, said one London analyst, who requested anonymity.

Carlo Ciampi, governor of the Bank of Italy, said that "there is hope" the bond issue would support the lira because proceeds from the bond sale flow into Italy.

The lira has been steady in recent days and was quoted at around 912 to the mark late Monday. That was stronger than a quote of 923 on Friday, but represented a devaluation of about 18 percent since the lira pulled out of the exchange-rate mechanism on Sept. 17.

"This is clearly going to help the lira because it translates into capital inflows," Mario Noera, chief economist with Euromobiliare in Milan, told Reuters. "At least it should underpin the currency at current levels."

Mr. Draghi called the issue a "unique and very important occasion" for his country, which he said had embarked on a "quality" plan to trim the federal deficit to less than 5 percent of gross domestic product in 1995, from 10 percent today.

HANG SENG: Hong Kong Market Appears to Be Taking New Heart

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to cope with the slow economy we are seeing in Western countries and the domestic bottlenecks," said Paul S.B. Chan, head of research at OCBC Securities (Malaka) Sdn. in Kuala Lumpur. "All these are converging around this time, so I think it will lead to a slower rate of growth for equity prices as well."

Analysts say the Kuala Lumpur index could rise to 700 or 750 by the end of the year, from 621.56 on Monday, and that prices could be 15 to 20 times 1993 earnings.

Thailand's stock market surprised investors by pulling itself out of a deep slump brought on by an attempted coup. The SET index ended the year at 893.42, up 25.6 percent and stood at 926.70 on Monday.

With \$55 billion in market capitalization, or about half that of Malaysia's market, and more than three times its volume, Thailand may be a somewhat risky but potentially profitable option for overseas investors.

"Thailand is one of the better picks, and I expect it will hit new highs," said Timothy H. Moe, head of regional research at Jardine Fleming Securities Ltd. "If politics are resolved in Hong Kong, then Hong Kong has the potential to go up higher than Thailand."

RICE: In Japan, the Traditional Staple Is Giving Way to Western Tastes

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tions of the Asian "rice bowl" culture, Japan has switched to Westernized menus.

Virtually every Japanese home has a *denki-gama*, or electric rice cooker, and most households still make a full pot of rice in it every morning. But more and more, the rice is a supplement to meals of meat and vegetables, bread and margarine, that would look familiar on an American table.

The traditional Japanese breakfast — rice and seaweed, pickled vegetables and soybean-paste soup — has been replaced almost everywhere by something called a "morning set": toast, cereal, scrambled eggs and tossed salad (a breakfast item people here think they learned from America). This is so common that some hotels now actually advertise that they offer a Japanese breakfast in addition to the expected Western version.

In 1960, according to the Agriculture Ministry, the people of Japan got 48 percent of their total caloric intake from rice. Today, the figure is about 28 percent. Meats, dairy products and vegetables, meanwhile, have all increased in share of average caloric intake.

This sharp change, in turn, has sparked a countermovement, as rice interests here adopt Western promotional ideas to sell their product.

Playing upon the increasing Japanese fad for diets, national agricultural groups built big campaigns around a popular book by a food writer, Sonoko Suzuki, which bore the irresistible title "Get Slim by Eating Rice."

Following the principle of "if you can't lick 'em, join 'em," rice sellers have also worked their product into the menus of the fast-food chains.

The MosBurger chain here, basically a Mc-

Donald's knock-off, sells a "riceburger," with a rice patty where the meat would be. And even McDonald's has introduced seaweed-wrapped rice balls and curried rice in its Japanese stores, alongside its burgers.

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NYSE Monday's Closing

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80	75	Apple	0.00	0.0%	10.0	80	75	80	75	80	75
60	55	Oracle	0.00	0.0%	12.0	60	55	60	55	60	55
40	35	Novartis	0.50	1.2%	18.0	40	35	40	35	40	35
30	25	Amgen	0.20	0.7%	15.0	30	25	30	25	30	25
20	15	Genentech	0.10	0.5%	12.0	20	15	20	15	20	15
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REPUBLIC OF LEBANON

Implementation of a cellular network for 500,000 lines as a part of the plan of generalization of the telecommunication sector throughout the Lebanese Territory

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

In order to implement the government policy to fulfill Lebanon's needs in various public utility services, including the enhancement and development of the telecommunication sector performance,

And aiming to undertake the necessary measures to reach a minimum service density of 35% in telecommunications, which would be in accordance with the requirements of the new century,

And as the data accumulated in the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications (MPT), and incorporated in the National Emergency Reconstruction Program (NERP), indicates the necessity to provide a minimum capacity of 1.5 million subscriber lines; the MPT intends to meet these needs as follows:

- 500,000 subscriber lines through implementation of the cellular network
- 500,000 subscriber lines through rehabilitation and modernization of the existing network.
- 500,000 new subscriber lines through extension of the existing network.

The government has initiated separate measures to modernize, develop and extend the existing network; consequently the (MPT) and the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR) announce the intention to achieve 500,000 subscriber lines through implementation of a modern digital mobile radio cellular system covering all the Lebanese Territory and capable of being extended to 700,000 lines, whenever needed, through BOT concept and according to the following program:

- A- **Phase I** : Within six month from contract notification date
100,000 lines covering all the Lebanese territory
- B- **Phase II** : Within the 12 month from the completion date of Phase I
200,000 lines covering all the Lebanese territory
- C- **Phase III** : Within 12 month from the completion date of Phase II
150,000 lines to intensify the coverage throughout Lebanon.
- D- **Phase IV** : Within 12 month from the completion date of Phase III
50,000 lines to intensify the coverage throughout Lebanon.
100,000 lines to intensify the coverage throughout Lebanon whenever needed
- E- **Phase V** : Within 12 month from the completion date of phase IV
100,000 lines to intensify the coverage throughout Lebanon whenever needed.

A mobile radio-cellular system of the GSM type will be implemented on the basis of the BOT concept as described in Terms of Reference prepared for this purpose to include all the technical, administrative, financial and operational conditions.

This project will be executed under the supervision of engineers and consultants appointed by MPT and CDR.

The contractors capable of executing such a project are invited to apply for pre-qualification.

Reasons for not pre-qualifying any firm or consortium need not be given, and no costs incurred in pre-qualification will be reimbursed. Invitations for bidding will only be sent to firms or consortia which are pre-qualified.

The MPT and CDR invite contracting firms and consortia interested in bidding to obtain pre-qualification documents starting January 15, 1993 from the:

Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR)
Tallet El-Saray , Beirut-Lebanon

Pre-qualification bids with all supporting material shall be submitted at CDR offices no later than March 3, 1993 at noon.

Russia Predicts Stable Oil Exports

MOSCOW — Russian exports of crude oil rose sharply in 1992 but will probably stabilize at current levels this year, officials said Monday.

An official of the Fuel and Energy Ministry said preliminary figures showed oil exports rose more than 22 percent in 1992 from 1991, reaching 66.2 million tons, or 1.32 million barrels a day.

An official at the producer Rosneftegaz said early forecasts showed 1993 exports would be unchanged from 1992 levels.

"Although there is no final balance, the preliminary forecast is at about the same level as 1992, that is, about 66 million tons," said Georgi Gopuridze, an aide to the Rosneftegaz president, Lev Churilov. He said the rise in 1992 exports was due to the fact that producers were, for the first time, allowed to sell 10 percent of their oil directly.

Russia is the world's second-biggest oil producer after Saudi Arabia, although output has fallen sharply

in recent years. Production of oil and oil products fell to 395.8 million tons in 1992, down from 460 million tons in 1991, Rosneftegaz officials said last week.

Revenue from oil sales is essential for Russia to repay the foreign debts it accumulated up under the old Soviet system. Recovery in the energy sector could also trigger a revival in other sectors of Russia's economy.

Vladimir Timofeyev of the energy ministry's dispatch and distribution center said the latest preliminary data referred to exports of crude oil beyond the borders of the old Soviet Union.

Exports of 66.2 million tons in 1992 compared with 54.1 million tons in 1991.

Mr. Timofeyev said Russia had also shipped oil to other members of the Commonwealth of Independent States. This included 33.1 million tons to Ukraine, 19.7 million to Belarus and 11.5 million to Kazakhstan.

Saudis Said to Set Rise in Output

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NICOSIA — Saudi Arabia will increase its production capacity above 9 million barrels per day starting in April, the Middle East Economic Survey reported Monday.

Riyadh will increase its capacity in February and March to almost 9 million barrels, and production will then rise "substantially" beyond that figure, the Nicosia-based newsletter said.

Actual production will depend on "market conditions and OPEC production agreements," it said, quoting unnamed Saudi sources.

Saudi Arabia's current output is 8.4 million barrels per day.

NASDAQ

Monday's Prices
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	100	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	100
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72	71	AO					72	71	AO				
74	73	AP					74	73	AP				
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SPORTS BASEBALL

Georgia Tech Hands Duke Its First Loss

By Barry Jacobs
New York Times Service

ATLANTA — Lost in the shadows since a visit to the semifinals of the national championship tournament in 1990, the Georgia Tech basketball team has re-emerged to upend top-ranked Duke, 80-79, in an Atlantic Coast Conference game.

It was the Blue Devils' first loss since last Feb. 23, when they fell in another ACC game, 72-68, to Wake Forest. Their winning streak, the longest in the country among major college basketball teams, was stopped at 23. That equaled a school record set last season.

The No. 10-ranked Yellow Jackets (9-1, 2-0 in the ACC) scored the game's first dozen points Sunday, then withstood a second-half rally to defeat college basketball's defending national champion. Duke's overall season record is now 11-1; it is 1-1 in the ACC.

"Their kids really came out at a high level, played us as hard or harder than anybody's played us this year," said Mike Krzyzewski, the Duke coach.

Duke trailed by 44-37 at half-time, and didn't take its first lead until Grant Hill hit a leaping jumper in the lane for a 60-59 advantage with 9 minutes, 20 seconds remaining. Immediately, the Georgia Tech coach, Bobby Cremins, called a timeout.

"I thought we were choking," he said. "I thought we were throwing it away. I called a timeout and challenged them. I just told them, 'You played so hard, and now you're just giving them the game.' I could see the look in their eyes. They got mad, and we really showed tremendous guts."

Three ties and four lead changes later, Georgia Tech went ahead to stay, 68-66, on an inside basket by Malcolm Mackey. Mackey, a 6-

foot-11-inch senior center, and the freshman guard Drew Barry, Rick Barry's youngest son, each scored off 8 unanswered points to lead, 74-66, with two and a half minutes left.

Bobby Hurdley responded with a 3-pointer, Grant Hill scored on an acrobatic scoop inside, and Marry Clark hit a follow shot to pull Duke to 76-74 with 1:18 to go.

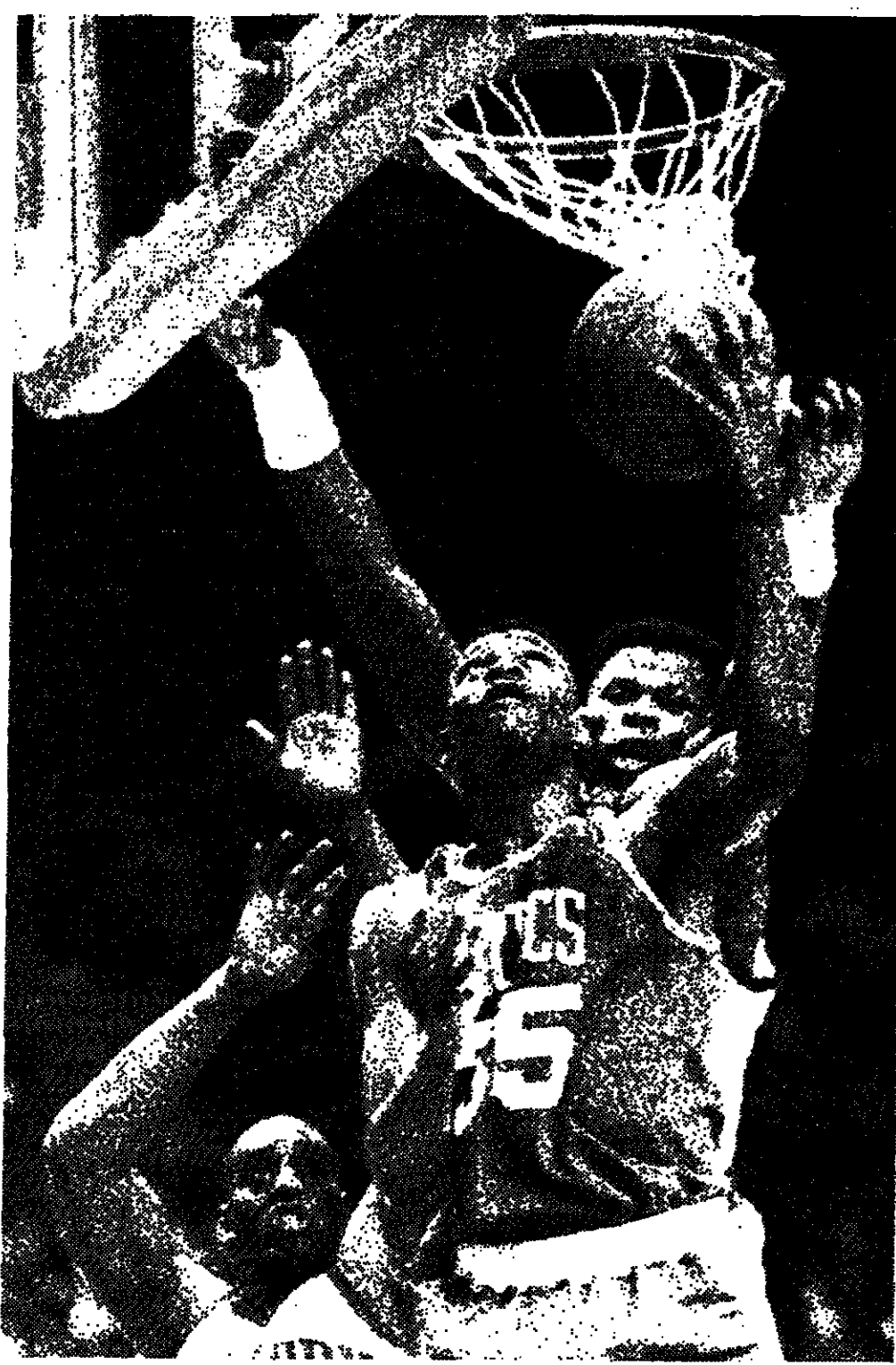
Again, Georgia Tech called timeout. When play resumed, Cremins stood to exhalt the sellout crowd of 10,125 fans, which cheered wildly as James Forrest made a free throw. Duke missed a pair of 3-pointers, and Mackey hit three free throws in the final 12 seconds. Clark's 3-pointer at the buzzer was too little, too late.

"I think it's definitely an eye-opener for everybody," said Clark, a 6-6 junior. "We can't come into games and expect to win, especially the way we played the first 10 minutes."

Duke had suffered a narrow escape early last week at home, rallying in overtime to defeat Oklahoma after losing a 20-point lead. Sunday, in their first major road test of the year, the Blue Devils were again plagued by their opponent's rebounding. That was especially true in the first half, when Georgia Tech had nearly as many offensive rebounds (8) as Duke had total rebounds (10).

Duke was led by Grant Hill, who had 8 rebounds and a game-high 29 points. But the Blue Devils got only 6 points and 9 rebounds combined from its starting big men, Antonio Lang and Cherokee Parks. "You can't win just being a perimeter team," Krzyzewski said.

Certainly not when your starting guards, Hurdley and Thomas Hill, both seniors, hit just 9 of 30 shots, with only 4 of 16 from 3-point range.



Reggie Lewis went backdoor for a lay-up as the Celtics left Madison Square Garden with a victory.

Whaler Gets His Goals Mixed Up

The Associated Press

It was hard to say which goal hurt the Hartford Whalers more: the one Pat Verbeek scored, or the one he didn't.

Verbeek missed on a potential game-tying shot late in the second period, then accidentally back-passed the puck 185 feet into his own net early in the third for the eventual game-winning goal as the Montreal Canadiens beat the Whalers, 7-5, on Sunday night.

Verbeek missed a wide-open net on a 2-on-1 break with Patrick Fou-

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lin in the second period when the Canadiens led, 2-1. Despite being just a few feet out, Verbeek slid the puck wide behind the goalie, Andre Racicot.

"Players miss easy slam dunks in basketball," Verbeek said. "I just missed that easy slam dunk."

Unfortunately for the Whalers, his aim was perfect in the third period.

With the Hartford goalie, Mario Gosselin, off during a delayed penalty call, Verbeek tried to center from behind the Montreal net to Murray Craven. But the puck sailed through the Canadiens' zone untouched, continued down ice and landed dead-center in the empty net.

Kirk Muller was credited with his second goal of the night, giving the Canadiens a 6-1 lead.

Kings 5, Blackhawks 4: Los Angeles ended a 10-game winless streak as Wayne Gretzky set up Tony Granato's second goal of the game with 7:59 left in the third period in Chicago Stadium.

"I decided to play tonight because I felt I could contribute," said Gretzky, who has two goals and four assists in three games since returning from the back surgery that forced him to miss the Kings' first 39 games. "I didn't want to embarrass myself. My timing is a little off, but it will come back in time."

The victory, which ended an 0-8 slide, was the Kings' first since Dec. 12 and their 80th regular-season victory.

Sabres 5, Flames 3: Pat LaFontaine completed a hat trick with the go-ahead goal midway through the third period, and Alexander Mogilyan added his league-leading 41st goal to power Buffalo to its sixth straight victory.

LaFontaine broke a 3-3 tie when he raced in alone on Mike Vernon and scored at 10:41 of the third period for his 30th goal of the season. The Sabres had tied the score at 7:59 when Mogilyan, who has an 11-game point-scoring streak, beat Vernon with a backhand while falling to the ice.

Flyers 4, Oilers 0: Tommy Soderstrom, a rookie, stopped 29 shots for his first NHL shutout as the Flyers beat Edmonton at the Spectrum in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia won its third straight and improved to 5-1-2 in its last eight meetings with the Oilers, its star rookie center, who reinjured his left knee in Saturday's 4-3 victory over the New York Rangers. Lindros had fluid drained from the knee Sunday and is listed as day-to-day.

Mahrer Wins Downhill With Slick Run on Ice

The Associated Press

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany — Swiss veteran Daniel Mahrer won a men's downhill race Monday for his second World Cup victory on the tough Kandahar course.

Peter Rzebak of Austria was second, while Sunday's winner, Franz Heinzer, another Swiss veteran, finished third.

The race was a replacement for a downhill in Val d'Isere, France, that had to be abandoned because of bad weather on Dec. 4. It was moved from Friday to Monday because of mild weather in the German resort.

The man who led when the December race was abandoned, A.J. Kitt of the United States, decided to skip Monday's race after crashing Sunday.

On an icy, difficult course, Mahrer had a nearly perfect run to clinch his eighth Cup victory with a time of 1 minute, 53.26 seconds.

His first victory of the season came in its fourth downhill.

Denis Rey of France was fourth, while Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg finished fifth and extended his overall World Cup lead.

Pietro Vitalini of Italy, a surprise runner-up on Sunday, fell coming into the final bend.

Adrien Duillard skidded off the course, while another Frenchman, Jean-Luc Cretier, suffered the worst crash of the day.

Cretier lost control on the last long jump into the finish line, fell on his back after crossing the line, tumbled over and crashed through a safety barrier.

World Cup organizers also announced another change in the schedule. Because of the lack of snow, the classic Kitzbuhel downhill next weekend has been moved to another Austrian site, St. Anton.

St. Anton will stage a men's super-giant slalom Tuesday. The downhill will be run either on Friday or Saturday, a while a decision on a slalom slated for Kitzbuhel will be made later.

SIDELINES

NBA Timberwolves Change Coaches

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Timberwolves, with the NBA's second-worst record, fired Jimmy Rodgers as their coach Monday and replaced him on an interim basis with assistant Sidney Lowe.

Lowe was the point guard when the team joined the NBA in 1989-90; Rodgers replaced Bill Musselman, fired after the 1990-91 season. The Timberwolves, whose 15-67 record last season was the NBA's worst, were expected to be vastly improved this season after making major personnel moves. Instead, they are 6-23, having lost 16 of their last 18 games, and in that span have beaten only Dallas — at 2-26, the one team with a worse record.

John Resigns Watford Soccer Post

LONDON (UPI) — Popular music star Elton John has resigned as a director at the English first division soccer club Watford, virtually ending a 19-year connection with the team, it was announced Monday. John was chairman of the club between May 1976 and August 1990, a period that represented the most successful spell over Watford's history, as it rose from the fourth division to the first under the management of Graham Taylor and reached the FA Cup final in 1984, when it lost by 2-0 to Everton.

Love Wins PGA's First Tourney

CARLSBAD, California (NYT) — Davis Love III held off a charging Tom Kite to win the PGA Tour's season-opening Infinity Tournament of Champions by one stroke.

While Kite was firing a course record-tying 64 ahead of him Sunday, Love posted a 69 for a total of 16-under par 272 over rain-drenched La Costa Resort and Spa. Paul Azinger, who started the day one stroke behind Love, tied for third with Mark O'Meara at 275.

Australian Warmup Gets Chilly

SYDNEY (AP) — Upsets and ailments plagued seeded players as the New South Wales tournament opened Monday, with Mary Joe Fernandez, the No. 3 women's seed, departing the warmup for next week's Australian Open without even taking the court.

A week-long bout with the flu forced Fernandez to withdraw from singles, while Helena Sukova retired from her match against Germany's Barbara Rittner after the No. 6 women's seed fell and injured a leg at 5-5 in the third set.

Upsets claimed the No. 8 woman, Zina Garrison-Jackson, who lost to Sabine Appelmans of Belgium, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3), and the No. 6 men's player, Spain's Sergi Bruguera, who was beaten by Michael Tebbutt, an Australian qualifier ranked 870th in the world, 6-7 (0-7), 7-6 (7-4), 6-4.

For the Record

Chen Gailey, 41, who coached the Birmingham Fire to consecutive playoff appearances in the World League of American Football, was named coach at Samford to replace Terry Bowden, who left to become coach at Auburn. (AP)

Quotable

Coach Pat Riley after his New York Knicks made 20 turnovers in losing a game: "Right now, you look for the enemy and the enemy is us."

A Big Night for Four Underdogs

The Associated Press

Four games, four surprises. That was the story in the NBA on Sunday night as the unexpected happened over and over and over again.

The New York Knicks, with the third-best home record in the league, lost

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at Madison Square Garden to the Boston Celtics 100-97.

The Houston Rockets, floundering from a seven-game losing streak, beat the powerful Utah Jazz 97-90.

The Los Angeles Clippers, reeling from four straight losses, went into Milwaukee and beat the Bucks 104-99.

The Miami Heat, last in the Atlantic Division and trudging through a six-game Western swing, went into the Forum and beat the Los Angeles Lakers, 101-89.

None of the outcomes were more surprising than Houston's win over the Jazz. The Rockets held Utah to its lowest point total of the year in winning their first game since Dec. 26.

"I'm just happy that that sucker is broken, and I'm proud of the way we did it," said Houston's coach, Rudy Tomjanovich, of the losing streak. "We finally got that gorilla off our backs."

Hakeem Olajuwon had 35 points, 13 rebounds, six blocked shots and six assists. Most important was his 17-of-19 free throw shooting, including six in a row down the stretch that sealed the win.

"Now we can start over," Olajuwon said. "We can concentrate on winning. We had forgotten what it was like to win. During the losing streak, we would get down the stretch and panic and make mistakes. We didn't do that tonight."

Karl Malone, who led Utah with 29 points and 12 rebounds, kept the game close, trading points with Olajuwon until the Rockets pulled away.

Utah ended a three-game swing through Texas with one victory and two losses.

Celtics 100, Knicks 97: The Knicks came back from a 23-point third quarter deficit only to fall short in the final minute. Rolando Blackman missed a go-

ahead 18-footer with five seconds left, and John Starks missed a long 3-pointer just before the buzzer.

Reggie Lewis scored 30 points for the Celtics, who won their fifth straight.

"We're playing together right now," Lewis said. "We're communicating out on the floor, helping one another out."

The Celtics, in hitting 41 of 83 shots, just missed snapping a string of 23 games in which Knicks opponents shot less than 50 percent from the field.

Heat 101, Lakers 89: Miami completed a season sweep of the Lakers, the first by any of the four most recent expansion teams.

Miami made 23 of 36 shots in the first half and held a 60-42 lead at intermission. The Lakers used a 13-0 run in the fourth quarter to trim the deficit to 89-82, but could get no closer.

Kevin Edwards led the Heat with 25 points and Glen Rice added 22.

Clippers 104, Bucks 99: Danny Manning had 24 points and Ken Norman and Stanley Roberts added 17 apiece as the Clippers knocked the Bucks into last place in the Central Division.

Violence Forces Change In India-England Series

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW DELHI — England's first one-day cricket international against India, which was to be played Saturday, was postponed Monday, and the match moved from Ahmedabad to New Delhi because of the resurgence in Muslim-Hindu rioting.

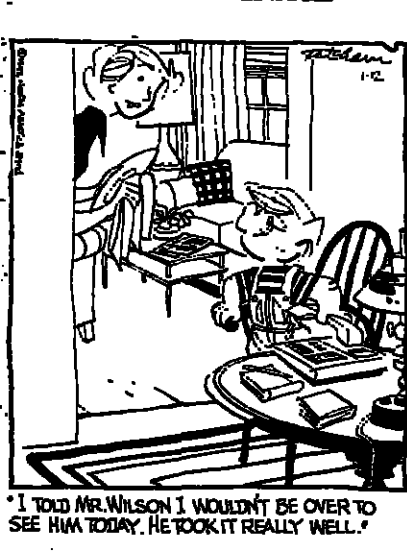
At least 60 people have died in six days of violence in the western city of Ahmedabad.

S.S. Sharma, secretary of the Gujarat Cricket Association, said a new date for the match would be announced later. The first one-day is now to be played Monday in the northern city of Jaipur, with the second to be played in Chandigarh on Jan. 21.

The first Test starts in Calcutta on Jan. 29. In Bombay where the third and last Test match is scheduled to begin Feb. 19, about 160 people have died. The second match is to begin in Madras on Feb. 11.

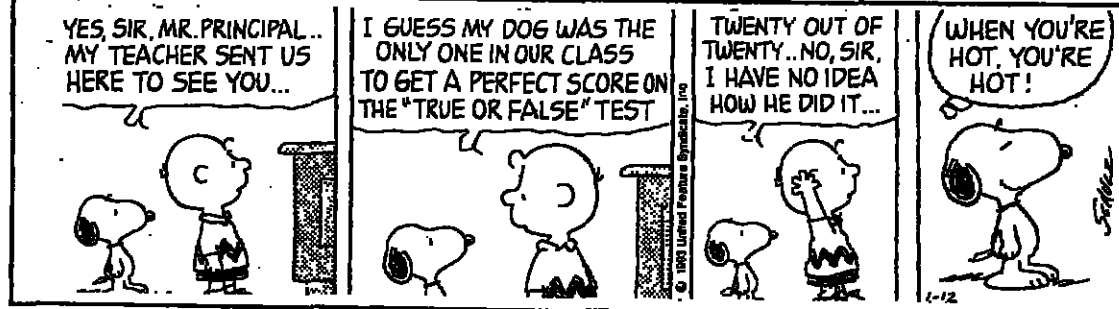
England's last tour of India, in 1984, was disrupted by anti-Sikh riots in many cities following the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards. (AFP, AP)

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"I told Mr. Wilson I wouldn't be over to see him today. He took it really well."

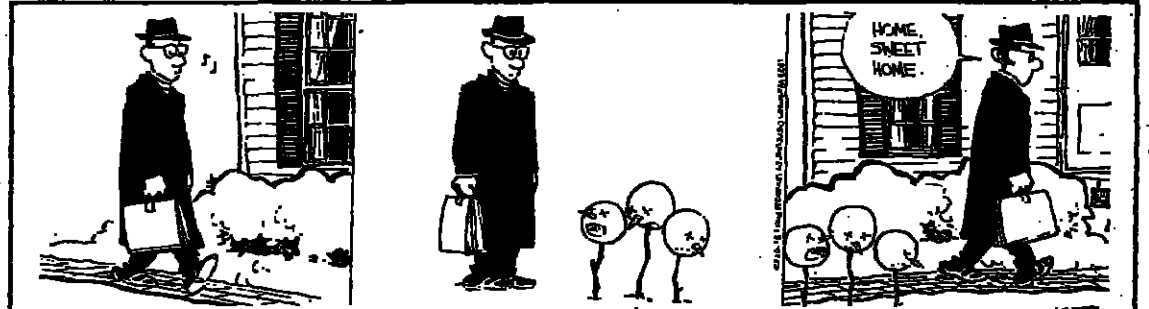
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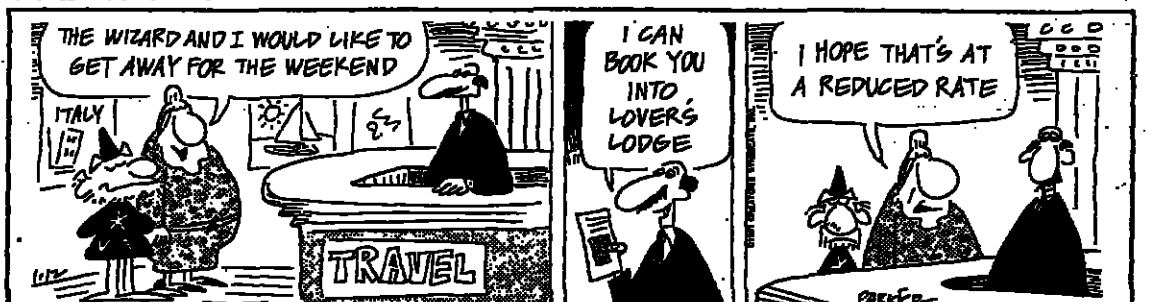
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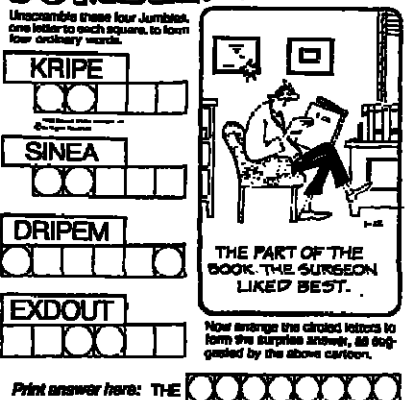
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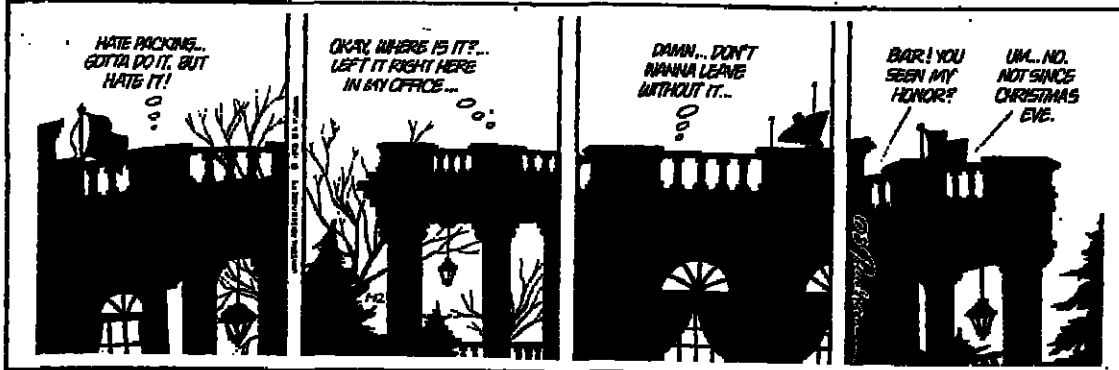
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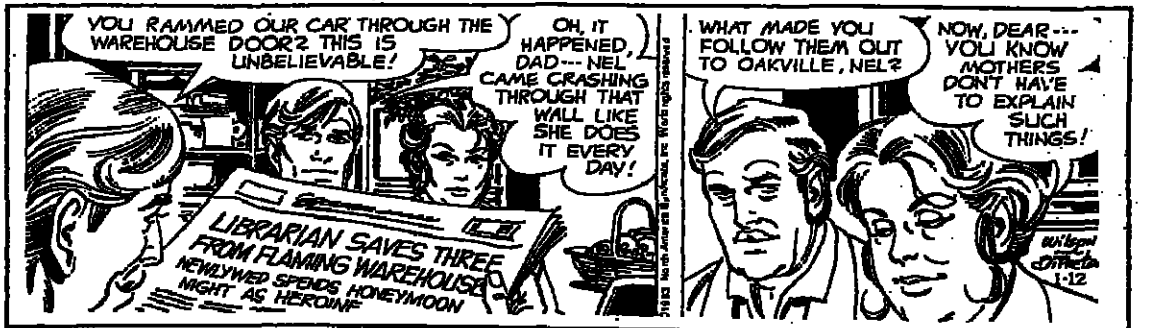
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SPORTS

Dolphins Stuff Red-Hot Chargers Into Deep Freeze



Troy Vincent, breaking up a pass to Nate Lewis, also made two game-turning interceptions.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MIAMI — Dan Marino sizzled. Stan Humphries fizzled. The Miami Dolphins moved into the AFC championship game of the National Football League playoffs, the San Diego Chargers went home.

The Dolphins' unheralded defense forced five turnovers and Marino converted three into touchdowns for a 31-0 rout Sunday of the previously red-hot Chargers. That put the AFC East champions into the conference final against the Buffalo Bills, with whom they split their two games this season.

It also kept alive the hopes of the Dolphins' coach, Don Shula, for a seventh trip to the Super Bowl, and stopped San Diego's eight-game winning streak.

The Dolphins, who beat the Bills in Buffalo and lost to them in Miami, will play host to the AFC title game next Sunday. The winner will meet either Dallas or San Francisco in the Super Bowl on Jan. 31.

Bad weather was a factor early in Sunday's contest, but the game plan of Miami's defensive coordinator, Tom Olivadotti, clearly was what posed the most problems for Humphries and, to a degree, the Chargers' highly regarded defense.

"Everybody was talking about San Diego and how physical they are," said Shula. "We wanted them to be talking about us being physical. I think that's what happened."

The Chargers never got untracked offensively, finishing with 70 yards rushing and 140 passing. Miami gained 324 yards on offense with Marino completing 17 of 29 passes for 167 yards, and Aaron Craver and Bobby Humphrey gaining 72 and 71 yards on the ground.

Rookie Troy Vincent set up two touchdowns with interceptions and Pro Bowl linebacker Bryan Cox's interception led to Marino's third touchdown pass, which gave the Dolphins a 21-0 halftime lead.



Marion Butts, the Chargers' top back, gained a lot of attention but only 25 yards in the game.

Vincent, the left cornerback out of Wisconsin who was the Dol-

phins' top draft pick in 1992, was still suffering the effects of a stomach ailment. At halftime, he was given an intravenous saline solution to thwart dehydration.

Marino promptly gunned a 28-yarder to Mark Duper, then got the second touchdown with a nine-yard strike to Keith Jackson. It was the first touchdown in seven games for the tight end who joined the Dolphins early in the season as a free agent from the Philadelphia Eagles.

Humphries' third mistake was intercepted by Cox, who returned the football to the San Diego 42. And Jackson soon had a 30-yard scoring strike to Tony Paige.

That gave Marino at least one touchdown pass in nine straight playoff games, one behind Ken Stabler of the then-Oakland Raiders.

Two drives later, Humphries put a pass up again, and this time Nate Lewis cut it off, then lost it — only to have Vincent come down with the ball on the Chargers' 37.

The success of the offense was especially sweet because the San Diego defense is coached by a former Dolphin assistant, Bill Arnsparger, the focus of much of the pregame hype.

"We know Arnsparger is a genius as far as defense goes," Duper said. "But we really put a number on them."

Humphries finished with 18 completions in 44 attempts for 140 yards, Eric Bieniemy, with 26 yards on four carries, was the Chargers' leading rusher, while Marion Butts gained 25 yards on seven attempts.

"If ever there was a total effort, that was it," said Shula, whose Dolphins won the 1972 and '73 Super Bowls.

(AP, N.Y.T., W.P.)

NFL Playoff Picture

First-Round Games

- NFC
WASHINGTON REDSKINS 24, MINNESOTA VIKINGS 7.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES 36, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS 20.

- AFC
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS 17, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS 0.
BUFFALO BILLS 41, HOUSTON OILERS 38.

Second-Round Games

- NFC
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 20, WASHINGTON REDSKINS 13.
DALLAS COWBOYS 34, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES 10.

- AFC
BUFFALO BILLS 24, PITTSBURGH STEELERS 3.
MIAMI DOLPHINS 31, SAN DIEGO CHARGERS 0.

Conference Titles

- Sunday, Jan. 17
AFC Championship: BUFFALO BILLS (13-5) vs MIAMI DOLPHINS (12-5).
NFC Championship: DALLAS COWBOYS (14-3) vs SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (15-2).

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The Hugging President

WASHINGTON — I am finding out things about President-elect Clinton very slowly. I attended a gathering at Hilton Head over the holidays. Once a year some of the finest minds in the United States gather on this East Coast island to solve the problems of the world, and define the future for all mankind.



Which brings me to President-elect Clinton. I had a chance to study him at close hand. I was as near to him on one occasion as you are to the newspaper you are now reading. Here's what I found out:

Xian Discovery: Women Warriors

Most people side up to him shaking nervously hoping to get nothing more than a handshake. Instead, Clinton sweeps the well-wisher up into his arms and squeezes the breath out of him until the other person cries "Uncle."

Liam Neeson: On Several Waterfronts

By Francis X. Clines

NEW YORK — Liam Neeson was letting a bit of his sublimated Irishness show, worrying like Yeats about his stony epitaph. "Is this what's going to be on my tombstone?" He dated Julia Roberts and Barbara Streisand.

The actor, for all his careful study of Hollywood and its narcissistic folkways, was railing pleasantly at how his social and personal life gets misrepresented in what for the last five years has been his hometown, the Hollywood Hills, an ocean and a culture away from Ballymena, County Antrim, the small rural town where he was born in Northern Ireland.

His point is well taken, of course. How can the gossip of Tinseltown imply he's just a 6-foot-4 (1.93-meter) Celtic hunk on the evidence of a few celebrity dates and friendships, when Neeson is in the midst of a more than average run of acting, recharging himself in what he talks of as his ancient craft of itinerant pretenders and vagabond make-believers.

Just this sort of people, he says thankfully, Neeson is also a big handsome man with a memorable look of self-doubt on his broad face.

This is a casting quality that seems to pass easily for urban angst, as in one of the confused-looker roles that he played in Woody Allen's "Husbands and Wives," or even self-comedy, as in his part as a Kansas sheriff in Steve Martin's new film, "Leap of Faith."

Fresh from gimping about in the title role of the forthcoming film version of Edith Wharton's "Ethan Frome," Neeson is taking a 10-week break from Hollywood to appear on Broadway in the Roundabout Theatre Company production of "Anna Christie."

This is Eugene O'Neill's ever-dark ever-green about failed life and love on the seafaring fringe. It opens on Thursday at the Criterion Center with Neeson playing the drunken, hysterical sailor to Natasha Richardson's fallen Anna, and Rip Torn as her sad, sodden father.



After several movie roles, Liam Neeson returned to the stage with Natasha Richardson in "Anna Christie."

actor, a competent actor or not — then you'll be the flavor. They'll send you scripts and they'll evolve films around you.

"Nowadays, if you've got a ponytail and a nice Armani suit and the girl of the gab you can make it in Hollywood," he says, mourning the old days he imagines when there was at least a studio craft system.

"But I'd love to be in a hit film," he has to admit. "And then I'll decide the life after that."

Thus far, Neeson carefully measures his journeyman's strivings in 15 films across five years, incidentally describing a Hollywood that is strange and ingrown enough to seem just over the rise from Ballymena.

Neeson, his voice low and sardonic, makes the Hollywood thicket seem at least as real and foggy as O'Neill's waterfront. "It will be interesting after this play to see how long I can take it back there," says the actor, whose experience is grounded in the Irish and English stage.

ly not in Ireland," says Neeson, who took a flier from those workplaces in 1987 and gambled on cracking the movies, arriving in Los Angeles, he recalls, with just five weeks' rent and a resolve not to be narrowly typecast as a boy-off the boat.

"I told these guys: 'Please don't say I'm an Irish actor,'" he recalls of the agents he hired. "I'm an actor. An actor who wants to audition for parts for an actor my age."

About "Ethan Frome," to be released in the United States on Feb. 26, and his role of almost inarticulate pathos demanding the twisted-body acting of a Lon Chaney, he says he is pleased — as much for the movie's lean economics as its artistic goals.

"I'm very proud of that — made for \$2.4 million when the average Hollywood film costs \$25 million," he stresses. Less certainly, he adds about the film directed by John Madden: "I'm scared to say it's my best work, but I feel the role suits me and I suit the role."

Neeson says O'Neill reminds him of some of the O'Casey and other Irish masterworks he did at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin. "A poetic construction," he says.

"You can really go for this stuff. It's not like Stoppard, where you play with words or everybody hides emotions through wonderfully odd sentences. This guy O'Neill goes straight for it."

"The play is unambiguously passionate and everybody bares their soul," he says about the rehearsals, pleased at the chance to work with Natasha Richardson, who talked him into playing Mat Burke, the broken-hearted coal stoker.

So the O'Neill says as though it will do as a breather, even if it may not be the real-life struggle of Hollywood. "In the early days of rehearsing, I was seeing how far I could go. I was far too theatrical. But the play holds you up. Twelve hours of rehearsals a day and you'll still do two more at the pub later talking about it."

He stops for a kind of epiphany worthy of a tombstone in Hollywood, not Ballymena. "Sometimes I'm sitting out there in L.A. by my pool and it's 85 degrees and I suddenly think, 'I'm lonesome. And then I take a fresh look about me, and I say, 'Stuff it. I'm doing all right here — I could be digging ditches back in Ireland.'"

PEOPLE

When Is a French Film Not a French Film?

Cultural imperialism: The sequel. The French Academy of Cinematographic Art and Technology has set off a brouhaha by barring foreign-language films from contention for its annual César awards — the French equivalent of the Oscars.

Princess Diana has made Prince Charles clear out his belongings from Kensington Palace, their London home until their separation last month, the British tabs say. "Throne Out," the Daily Mirror clipped in a front-page report that the princess wanted all traces of her estranged husband removed from the palace.

Friends and admirers gathered at the Opéra Garnier in Paris on Monday to pay tribute to Rudolph Nureyev, who died Wednesday at the age of 54. Fans laid flowers at the foot of a life-size photograph of the ballet star. His funeral will be at the Opéra on Tuesday.

It looks like a June wedding for Crown Prince Naruhito of Japan and his fiancée, Masako Owada. Kyodo News Service reports the 32-year-old heir to the imperial throne plans to marry on June 3, but the palace has not confirmed that.

Frank Sinatra is this year's recipient of the Palm Springs International Film Festival's Golden Palm Award, which he received at a dinner attended by his show business friends. Last year's honoree, James Stewart, presented the award.

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Table with weather forecasts for Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America, including high/low temperatures and precipitation chances.

Forecast for Wednesday through Friday with maps of North America, Europe, and Asia showing weather patterns and temperature ranges.

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CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words, including 'Greenland's coldest place' and 'Jeans fabric'.

Chess board diagram showing a game position with pieces and algebraic notation for moves.

BOOKS

HOROWITZ: His Life and Music. By Harold C. Schonberg. 427 pages. \$27.50. Simon and Schuster. Reviewed by Harvey Sachs

The durability of Horowitz's astonishing success is the result of his having been an anachronism. For about six weeks in 1987, Harold C. Schonberg, a former chief music critic of The New York Times, helped Horowitz to begin recounting his life story, to produce an "as-told-to" autobiography of the pianist.

slips into the hackneyed, and he is not always careful about details. For example, Horowitz's March 1987 recording sessions for Mozart's Piano Concerto in A major (K. 488) are described as if they took place after his final concert in June 1987 and only a few months before his final public appearance. But his final professional appearance was a record-signing session in Manhattan in October 1989.

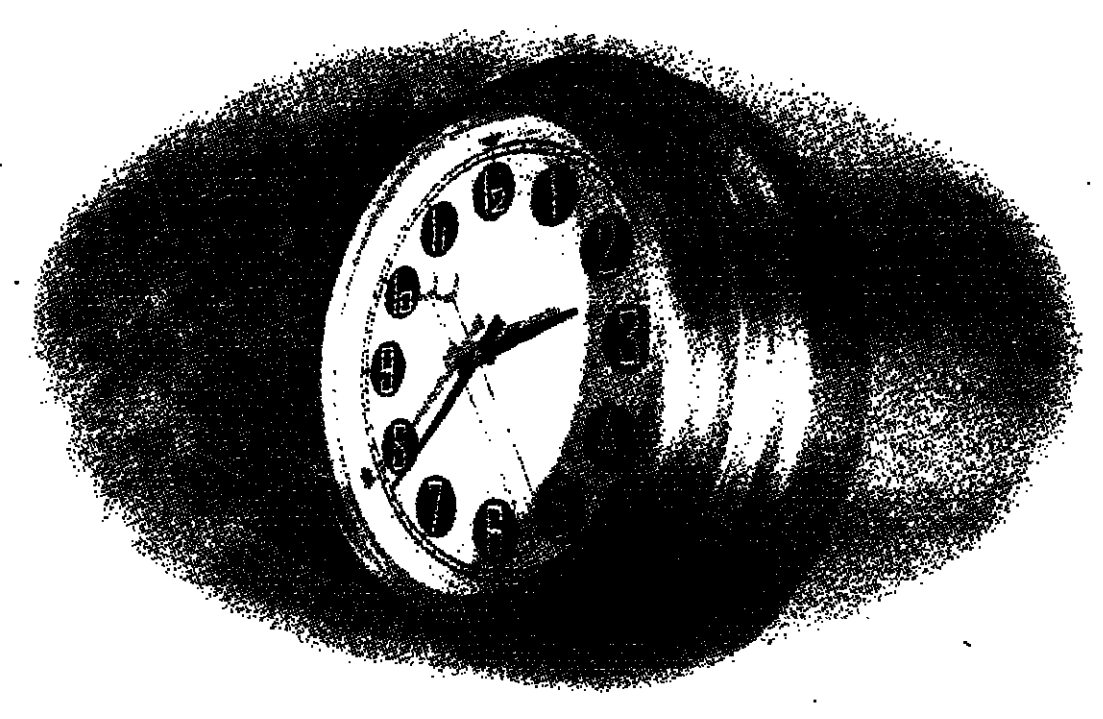
By Robert Byrne. LLYA Gurevich, an international master from Worcester, Massachusetts, found himself in a desperate position in his game with Walter Browne, a Berkeley grandmaster, in the second round of the United States Championship in Durango, Colorado. The action took place on December 3, 1992.

from this with 14...e5 and proved satisfactory for Black. But this time Gurevich apparently wanted something more aggressive and chose 12...Rd8?!

Chess. Position after 29...Bc3. Gruenfeld Defense. White: 1. d4, 2. c4, 3. Nc3, 4. cd, 5. Nc2, 6. bc, 7. Bc1, 8. Ne2, 9. Bc3, 10. Rf1, 11. cd, 12. Kf1, 13. Qb2, 14. de, 15. Ne4, 16. f3, 17. Qc1, 18. Qd2, 19. Qc1.

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